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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/18/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:55 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

CCLC-52680

Horizon Christian Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
10/18/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/18/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/13/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building II	F (106)	6-18 yrs	0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A (105)	6 wks- 18 mths	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B (104)	4-5 yrs	1	4	C	23	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	C (103)	3yrs	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D (102)	2 yr	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	E (101)	1yr	0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 4 yrs- 18 yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 3 yrs	22	C
Main	Playground C - 6wks- 2 yrs	20	C

Comments

clicked developed this date

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.'

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Dr. Zina Benton, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

Correction of citation in that the staff members reported high chair booster seats were no longer used for discipline and were only used according to manufacturer's instructions.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

Correction of citation in that licensing capacity was observed to be met on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

Correction of citation in that seven infant feeding plans were observed to be completed on this date. One infant no longer attended the center.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022****Corrected on 10/18/2022**

Correction of citation in that the staff members reported that high chair booster seats were no longer used as a means of discipline. Appropriate disciplinary techniques were observed on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022****Corrected on 10/18/2022**

Correction of citation in that appropriate disciplinary techniques were observed on this date. Staff members reported that they no longer use the high chair booster seats as a means of discipline. Staff members reported they use verbal redirection.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(11) requires the Center to have qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children. It was determined based on observation the center did not have sufficient direct-care staff members to ensure full compliance of rules as required. One staff member left Classroom A in order to transport children back and forth to their classrooms during morning drop off which left one staff member in Classroom A with six infants and one, one-year-old child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that an adequate number of qualified employees is available to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**Staffing and Supervision**

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation there was a staff:child ratio of 1:7 in Classroom A instead of a staff:child ratio of 2:7 which was required. There were six infants and one, one-year-old child present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**Recited on 10/18/2022**

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022****Corrected on 10/18/2022**

Correction of citation in that adequate supervision was observed on this date.

