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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/7/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 1:25 PM

CCLC-52680

Horizon Christian Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/07/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
06/07/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/15/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing

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.

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	1	16	C	35	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A (105)	6 wks- 18 mths	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Snack
Main	B (104)	4-5 yrs	1	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	C (103)	3yrs	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D (102)	2 yr	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E (101)	1yr	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 55			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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/07/2022

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/RulesAndRegulations.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:

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

Restroom between Room 102 and Room 103 had a broom and dust pan next to the sink

Cords and power outlet in room 104

Room 104 in a closet area with no door four brooms, four dust pans, and 2 vaccums

Disinfectant spray on the cubbies of Room F

Vacuum by the cubbies in Room F

-two brooms and a dust pan by the door in Room F

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following items were in need of repair:

-the sink cabinet of Room 102 as the door was hanging from the hinge and was chipping wood

-wood railing leading to the playground from 104 as it was observed to be chipping wood

-restroom door of 104 as it was chipping paint and wood

-flooring near entry and at enter as it was not flush

-carpet in Room F (Building Two) as it was not flush to the floor in areas.

-vent in room F had exposed form

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following items were in need of repair:

- wood on the wooden structure of the back right playground was observed to be chipping
- pink and white riding toys and two gray trucks on the front right playground had sharp edges due to broken plastic
- fire engine on the front right was missing the steering wheel

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Corrected on 6/7/2022

Correction of citation in that the director reported that both staff members were verbally reprimanded and one staff member was no longer employed. Age appropriate discussion and redirection was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

Corrected on 6/7/2022

Correction of citation in that the director provided the last two consecutive weeks of school transportation from Cowan Elementary morning and afternoon routes and from Orrs Elementary School for afternoon transportation during the weeks of May 9, 2022 through May 20, 2022. The driver or other designated person documented immediately in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child entered and exited the vehicle on these dates. The director reported that currently the center does not provide transportation and has not provided transportation since May 23, 2022.