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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/20/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 2:10 PM

CCLC-55217

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Quality Rated: No

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.
07/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/26/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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
Main	IR-Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	L2-Afterschool	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	L-Afterschool		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			65		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date:			22		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		65			
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	126	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up the previous visit conducted on 01/26/2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/20/2022

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)

Kammye Staley, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that there were adult sized chairs and tables in room L2 Afterschool. The chairs and tables were not appropriately sized for the children present in the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide required equipment as noted. The Director has ordered some additional chairs and tables for the age groups she is serving.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Recited on 7/20/2022

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 observations that the following hazardous items were accessible to the children. :

- * Wipes and Petroleum Jelly were observed in a child's backpack in the preschool room.
- * Lysol disinfectant spray and a first aid kit were observed on the teacher's desk in room !R Preschool.
- * Stapler, tape dispenser, and white-out were observed on teacher's desk in room !R Preschool.
- * Staff member's purse were observed in room !R Preschool and a staff member's backpack was observed in room L2-Afterschool.
- * Toilet bowl brushes were observed in the school age bathroom area.

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. Consultant alerted staff to hazardous material present at the center and staff immediately removed hazards or made sure hazards were inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(5) - Consultant informed the provider that prior to planning any structural changes to an existing center the center must obtain approval from the Department, local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities. Construction and maintenance work shall take place only in areas that are not accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 3/1/2022****Corrected on 7/20/2022**

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed that fence on the left side closest to the street was repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the fence by the sand box and around the AC unit measures at least four feet and that any gap that measures more than three and half inches is covered.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that the equipment is monitored for rust and peeling paint.

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(7) - Consultant discussed with the provider that equipment needs to be used and/or anchored based on manufacturer's instructions and specifications.

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the provider that if resilient surface other than mulch is used, documentation to verify the resiliency need to be kept on file and made available to the Department.

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurements that the fall zones and the resilient surface were not meeting the requirements as follows:

* The fall zones for saucer-shaped swing measured approximately 10 (ten) feet to the back and 10 (ten) feet to the front and approximately six feet on the sides. The length of the swing ropes measured approximately eight (8) feet and at least 15 feet of fall zone was needed around the swing in all directions. The depth of the resilient surface in the fall zones measured approximately between two and four inches, when at least six inches were required.

* The resilient surface in the fall zones of the five feet tall slides measured approximately between three and four inches, when at least six (6) inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. Consultant provided a handout with the fall zones/resilient surface requirements:

Swings:

* Fall (use) zone for regular swings is determined by measuring length of the swing chain and adding seven feet. Fall zones must extend in front and in back of the stationary swing. The fall zones in the front and in the back needs to have at least six (6) inches of depth.

* Fall zone for tire (three chain) swing is determined based on length of chain plus seven (7) feet. The fall one extends in all directions and needs to have at least six (6) inches of resilient surface.

Slides:

A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.

A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Resilient Surface:

* Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .

* Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observations that while children were actively playing on the playground, equipment used for lawn maintenance was observed accessible to the children on the playground. Consultant observed rakes, outdoor extension chord, adult sized shovels, and a tine tiller on the playground. Consultant also observed that the rubber tiles underneath slide and swing were not flush. The rubber tiles were posing a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met

Comment

None of the children enrolled in the program require diapering.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the cough syrup on the teacher's desk was easily accessible to the children in the preschool classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Organization

Comment

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with the provider that the Center is required to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Safety

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that copies of transportation agreements are available within the agreed time frame.

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

The program doesn't serve infants.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant explained to the provider that when storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/08/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 03/17/2022	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/18/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 12/20/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 06/30/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/01/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/22/2022	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/26/2022	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and should be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observations that a staff member was simultaneously supervising children in rooms L-after school and L2- after school.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022