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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/22/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-743

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/22/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
07/27/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/21/2022	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
Back	Back		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Back	Front		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Back	Middle		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 197					
Bld. 1	1st Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning
Bld. 1	1st Right	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning
Bld. 1	Back Left - Left Side	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Bld. 1	Back Left - Right Side		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	Not In Use
Bld. 1	Middle	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 197					
House	Back	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
House	Front		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 197					
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 197			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 197				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

A virtual visit was conducted on August 22, 2022. The investigation was left open on this date to collect additional information and statements. The investigation was closed on September 27, 2022 and a copy was sent to the center.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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)

Minaz Lakdawala, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.07(4) - Consultant discussed emergency medical plans with the Director and ensuring they are revised for clarity.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Defer

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591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1- Previous citation deferred on this date so that the mats can be inspected in person. Consultant spoke with Director who stated that new mats have been ordered and half have arrived.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed outdoor supervision and ensuring that staff are rotating and utilizing best practices as far as minimizing time sitting down.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2022

