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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/3/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-22124

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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.
06/03/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/28/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/04/2019	Licensing Study	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	
Main	A 1R	Infants	2	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play,Nap	
Main	B 2R	One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C 3R	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	D Rear	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Snack,Transitioning	
Main	E 3L	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	F 2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	21	C	Nap	
Main	G 1L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	20	C	29	C	Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 116	Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 87			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 116		Building @25 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A 3yr. - 5 yr.	52	C
Main	B 3 yr. - 5 yr.	79	C
Main	C Inf. - 3 yr.	24	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 3, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Follow up regarding FAQ for Rule Changes effective October 1, 2020.

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.al.ga.gov/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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Shelley Mote, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

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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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant discussed emergency drill requirements and emergency plans with the Director.

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.22 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parental access requirements were met per the COVID-19 guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2021

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Reminder: Please be sure to contact the Gwinnett County Department of Health if there are positive COVID-19 cases immediately and get their guidance. Also, please complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for communicable diseases.

Please be sure to report temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever there are temporary closures for one day or more.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 24**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2008

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2007

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90
calendar days of hired

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2016

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2019

Records Reviewed: 24**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/10/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2011	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 11/23/2020	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2013	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2015	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 11/26/2018	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 07/11/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 05/04/2010	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2020	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 06/29/2015	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 02/22/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry. Please ensure that records checks are redone if there is a six month break in service. Please also ensure that satisfactory records checks are updated before the expiration date.

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

591-1-1-.31(13) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2021

Staffing and Supervision

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date. Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.