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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/6/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-2683

Gingerbread House Child Care Center

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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.
01/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/27/2021	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
Kidz Biz	G-Kidz Biz	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	27	C	63	C	88	C	Centers, Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218							
Main	A-First Left Front	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story, Floor Play
Main	B-First Left Back	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	C-First Right	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	26	C	37	C	Centers
Main	D-Rear Annex	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	47	C	66	C	Circle Time
Main	E-2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-2nd Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	30	C	42	C	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218							
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Playground	Large	131	C
Playground	Small	18	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on January 6th, 2022. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 6th, 2022 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Consultant requests the provider to sign and date the report in two areas and return to back to the consultant after the report is reviewed and signed.

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 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.state.ga.us/>
 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.state.ga.us

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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)

Yvonne Cochran, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, 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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26 – Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/1985

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/14/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 12/01/2020

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2016

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/08/2026

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

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2000

Staff # 10

Met

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 11/26/2019

Staff # 13

Met

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2013

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Director provided Two (2) file(s) for employees hired since last visit on September 16th, 2021. The consultant observed two of two newly hired staff members to have evidence of a comprehensive determination letter on file.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)**Met**

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.