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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/3/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-56421

Building Blocks Learning Academy

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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.
08/03/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2022	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	A - Front Lt	Six Year Olds and Over	1	2	C	27	C	38	C	Lunch
Main	B - Mid Left		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	
Main	C - Back Lt		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
Main	D - Back Rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	E - Mid Rt		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F - Front Rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	26	C	Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 152

Total # Children this Date: 10

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	24	C
Main	B - School Age	39	C

Comments

An in-person monitoring visit was conducted on this date. Ms. McClure stated that no vehicles were on site on this date and transportation services would start on August 4, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/03/2022

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/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)

Saymudah Sepha, Program Official

Date

Beth Holland, 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(3) requires the center to offer opportunities for each child to make choices in a variety of activities. It was determined based on observation that the school age children did not have age appropriate materials available for use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff to offer a variety of activity choices for each child. The Center will monitor regularly to ensure this is done.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that the school age classroom restroom had dirt visible on the baseboards.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

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) **Not Met**

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 cabinet to the left of the sink in the school age classroom had a broken latch. The cabinet housed the school first aid kit..

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: 8/3/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 8/3/2022

.26(8) - resilient surface was observed to be six inches in depth on playground A.

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 observation that a disassembled wooden structure was on playground B, creating a potential safety 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: 8/5/2022

Recited on 8/3/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that the infant classroom did not have proper ventilation. There wasn't an exhaust system or window available. There are no infants currently enrolled in the program. The classroom was observed to not be in use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Recited on 8/3/2022

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

Comment

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**

Center did not provide routine transportation during the summer months. No vehicles were on site on this date as they were being serviced to resume transportation services on August 4, 2022.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 requires that a light cover be available for each child's use on a cot or mat and shall be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation that sheets were not available for the two school age children in attendance on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a light cover is available for each child and will meet the requirements for laundering.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit on February 15, 2022.

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

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

Comment

The consultant was informed by staff member # 5 that the director is currently working part-time from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

591-1-1-.31 The director is ultimately responsible for the children's health and safety and must be able to effectively manage many different people and activities simultaneously. For such a complex job, a person must be knowledgeable of business operations, child development, and program planning. In assuming responsibility for operations, the director serves as the primary contact and decision maker for not only the program operations, but for the well-being of the children and staff present as well. Directors are required to routinely be on-site and present at the center during at least 80% of the center's operating hours, unless extenuating circumstances arise (e.g., maternity leave, illness, etc.). This is to always ensure responsible program management, as the director's primary responsibility is to be familiar with the center's children and families, able to access employee and children's files, and oversee proper procedures during routine operation, emergencies, etc. It was determined based on interviews with staff that the director is currently working part-time from 6:00 AM-10:00AM.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.