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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/23/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-501

Little Wild Cats Preschool

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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.
02/23/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/13/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
07/20/2021	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg. # 2 Rt.	Right Classroom	GA PreK	22	22	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. #2 Left	Left Room		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1st right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Back Left-Prek	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Back Right- Prek		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle Left	Infants	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Middle Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Single	1st Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 3/4/22. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A inspection was conducted on 2/23/22 with the Director.

The Consultant completed exit conference by phone and a copy of Licensing Study visit report was electronically emailed to the Program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/23/2022

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.decal.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.decal.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@decal.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@decal.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://decal.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.



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study 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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2021

Corrected on 2/23/2022

.08(2) - Citation corrected on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Not Met

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 resilient surface under swinging equipment measure one inch and should measure than six inches.

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor playground for tree roots which pose a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/22/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2003	
Staff # 5	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2003	

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2001

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/17/2021

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2022

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

Staff # 11 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Not Met

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined through a review of records two staff members did not complete the annual ten clock hours of training .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

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.

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.