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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/22/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-915

Cornerstone Early Learning 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. 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.
02/22/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/22/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/08/2021	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	A-1L	GA PreK	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-4R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	15	C	39	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E-2R	One Year Olds	1	3	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-1R	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	50	C
Main	Preschool	94	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 2/23/22. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 2/22/22 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 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)

Lana Elliott, Program Official

Date

Tomekia Hudson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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.

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) **Met**

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual walk through of the playground was conducted and no hazards were observed. Please ensure the playground is inspected daily to ensure no hazards are present.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Proper diapering procedure was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper diapering procedures were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center during virtual visit due to 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.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/25/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 12/20/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 06/01/2015	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/25/2014	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/28/2021	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 12/13/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/01/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 05/24/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 19 Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 20 Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2015

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment
Director provided eleven files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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
Adequate supervision observed on this date.