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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/23/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 10:45 AM

CCLC-47763

Advance Preparatory 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.
05/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/02/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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-1st Left- 3's Green		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 2's-2nd left- Red-2's	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- 4 and up- 3rd Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	16	C	23	C	Circle Time
Main	D- 4-12-3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	29	C	41	C	Centers
Main	E-1's-2nd Right- Yellow	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-1stt Right Infants/Tod-Orange	Infants	2	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137				
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	72	C
Main	Playground Left side	20	C
Main	Playground Right side	36	C

Comments

A on-site inspection was conducted on May 23, 2022 with the Director Tyasha Jones. Background checks were all reviewed on May 30, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/03/2022

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)

Tyesha Jones, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, 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(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that the lesson plan in the infant classroom was dated December 2, 2020. It was further determined that the lesson plan in classroom D 3rd right was dated November 29-December 3, 2020.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. Consultant discussed with Director adding equipment and toys to enhance variety in classroom C 3rd left.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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 following hazards were observed

Room B 2nd left
- Wipes on counter.

Room D 3rd right
- Toilet brush accessible in bathroom

Room C 3rd left
- Plunger in girls bathroom.
- Plastic bags in cubbies.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed

Room E 2nd right
-Small hole in the wall across from toilet.

Room D 3rd right
- Left sink (cold) handle broken.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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 the following hazards were observed on the playground

Back playground
- Exposed concrete by the left side of entrance.

Right playground
- Entrance fence pole loose.

Left playground
- Remove broken shelf, potty chair, unused fish tank, and plastic bags.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.13(2) - requires Center Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined based on review of records that two out of four forms were missing dates next to parent signatures.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.13(6) requires Center Staff to have emergency medical information on each child who goes on a field trip that includes allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications required to be taken on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and phone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility the Center uses in the area where the Center is located, and the telephone numbers where the parent can be reached. The emergency medical information shall be left at the Center as well as taken on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined based on review of records that doctor's information, emergency contact, parent names, and contact numbers are missing from vehicle emergency medical forms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will review emergency medical information for each child who goes on a field trip and obtain any missing information. The Center will ensure that this information is in the possession of both the Center and the required adult on the trip.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of records that emergency contact information and parent contact information was incomplete for six out of twelve of the vehicle emergency medical forms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of records that the arrival and departure times on the Southern Belle Farm field trip was incomplete for two of four forms.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/11/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 09/09/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.