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Date: 6/14/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Closure **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/14/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
05/10/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

Comments

The Complaint Investigation was not completed on this date. A final copy will be sent to the facility.

June 14, 2022 The Complaint Investigation was completed on this date. A final copy was sent to the facility.

A Plan of Improvement is due by June 28, 2022

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.

Please refer to the website, <http://www.decals.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

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.al.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://dec.al.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.

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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Dekesha Battle, Program Official

Date

Beverly Pollard , Consultant

Date



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

	Activities and Equipment
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591-1-1-.03 Activities **Not Met**

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.03(9) requires center staff to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury.

On February 16, 2022, a staff person allowed a one-year-old child to engage in an activity which resulted in an injury. The staff person was standing at the end of the cubbies updating the attendance sheet which was on top of the cubbies. The child was standing inside a cubby playing with the zipper on a jacket. The child was directly below the staff person. The staff person did not redirect the child since the child was quiet. The staff person heard the child cry and looked down. The child was coming to a standing position, holding a hair braid in their hand. The staff person observed a bald spot on the child's head but there was no blood. The staff person reported that the braid must have gotten caught on the cubby hook. The child's parents were notified. The child received professional medical treatment as a precaution.

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Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children.

Based on investigative findings which included interviews and statements, it was determined that on February 16, 2022, a staff person allowed a one-year-old child to use equipment in an inappropriate manner, which resulted in an injury. At approximately 5:45 p.m., there was one staff person with four children. The staff person was standing at the end of the cubbies updating the attendance sheet which was on top of the cubbies. The child was standing inside a cubby playing with the zipper on another child's jacket. The jacket was hanging on a hook. The child was directly below the staff person. The staff person did not redirect the child since the child was quiet. The staff person heard the child cry and looked down. The child was coming to a standing position, holding a hair braid in their hand. The staff person observed a bald spot on the child's head but there was no blood. The staff person picked the child up and walked to the classroom door to notify management. The staff person reported that the braid must have gotten caught on the cubby hook. The child's parents were notified. The child received professional medical treatment as a precaution. This allegation was substantiated.

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