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Date: 6/26/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-17743

Precious Moments Child Development Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/10/2022	Complaint Closure	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.

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	Entry	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Left Back	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	7	NC	10	NC	Outside
Main	Left Front	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 30					
Total # Children this Date: 37		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 30					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	170	C

Comments
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/26/2023

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

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)

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Patricia Andrews, Program Official	Date	Kaycee Purvis, Lead Consultant	Date
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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-.03 Activities **Met**

Comment
591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that the staff post current lesson plans on weekly.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(1) - Please ensure that staff replace batteries as needed.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that the following equipment and furniture hazards were observed in the Entry Classroom on this date:

•The sink, pantry, and stove had peeling coating in the Kitchen Center.
•The blue vinyl couch was torn at the front middle and left of the seat.
•The bracket on the diaper changing table was rusted.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that staff do not stack objects on shelves so that they do not become a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that all sections of children's files are complete.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **Met**

Comment
No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.06(6) - Please ensure that bathroom supplies are not placed on the floor or in potty chairs.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based upon observation that the Back Left Classroom housed a total of 16 children when the Back Left Classroom is licensed for seven children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Recited on 6/26/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure that all carpets and rugs are cleaned as necessary.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

Finding
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 upon observation that the following building repairs were needed on this date:

Right Classroom:
•The flooring leading into the bathroom was peeling.
•The floor vents had peeling paint and were rusted.
•The light cover was missing over the light bulb in the bathroom.

Front Left Classroom:
•The flooring at the front left side was missing.

Back Left Classroom:
•The paint on the walls was peeling.
•The flooring was peeling.
•The filter cover was dusty on this date.

Back Building:
•There were eleven exposed nails on the stairs leading to the playground.
•The PVC hand rail was broken at the bottom of the stairs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2023

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

Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based upon observation that the front left fence had 30 bolts over two threads and the front right fence had 21 bolts over two threads on this date. It was further determined that the left side chain link fence measured at three feet and eight and half inches when four feet was required. It was also determined that wire was protruding from the left side chain link fence on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

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 upon observation that there were exposed tree roots on the back left and middle front areas of the playground. It was also determined that there was wood and other building materials at the back left corner of the playground.

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: 6/26/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(10) - Please ensure that kitchen trash has a lid at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(5) - Please ensure that refrigerator template remains under 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

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) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.17(2) - Please ensure that children keep shoes on at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices — **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

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) — **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Please ensure that crib mattresses are replaced when torn on both sides.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based upon observation that three out of four crib sheets were not tight fitting on this date. It was further determined that three out of four crib sheets were stained.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Please ensure that mats are replaced when tears appear. Please ensure that staff do not duct tape nap mats.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that mats do not touch when being stored.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined Staff #4 (hired on June 12, 2023) did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #4 (hired on June 12, 2023) did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

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 based upon a review of records that Staff #3 did not have evidence of completing ten hours of annual training for the 2022 calendar year.

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: 12/31/2023

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.