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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/28/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-37954

Next Generation 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.
04/28/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
12/20/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Single	A/1L	Infants	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Single	B/2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Single	C/3L/PreK 1	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	27	C	Music,Transitioning
Single	D/1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transitioning
Single	E/2R	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	22	C	25	C	36	C	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134

Total # Children this Date: 86

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG/A Left	27	C
Single	PG/B Middle	69	C
Single	PG/C Right	76	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

A virtual inspection and complaint investigation were conducted on this date with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An Administrative Review was conducted on April 28, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. Investigative findings were not completed on this date. Investigative findings were completed on April 29, 2022. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of licensing study and complaint investigation visit report were electronically emailed to the Program on April 29, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/28/2022

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 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@decal.ga.gov 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.'



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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)

N/A

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-.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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that the infant feeding plans were missing required information, as the updated infant feeding plan form was not used by the center. The consultant emailed the updated infant feeding plan form to the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

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) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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 nine of twenty-nine emergency medical information records reviewed were lacking the name and/or phone number for the child's primary physician. It was further determined that one emergency medical record reviewed was lacking the information for the child's emergency contact.

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: 5/4/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2017

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 04/21/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/31/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/15/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/04/2021	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/05/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 01/21/2020	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/20/2020	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2021	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.