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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/11/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Departure: 12:00 PM

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.
06/11/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/15/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/04/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	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 and One Year Olds	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Single	B/2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Single	C/3L/PreK 1	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	27	C	Centers
Single	D/1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Single	E/2R	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	29	C	25	NC	36	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				
Total # Children this Date: 91			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

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 11, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/11/2021

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 1/2 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)

Lisa Rickerson, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure chairs were not stacked in classrooms when children were present and active.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2021

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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 on observation, that 29 children were observed housed in Room F/3R which was licensed for 25 children on this date

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2021

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**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15(2) - The Consultant discussed the revision to the updated infant feeding plan for children under the age of 1 years old, which the center was using on this date. new updated infant feeding form is used. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2021**Comment**

591-1-1-.15(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Director the new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2021**Health and Hygiene**

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined, based on observation, that the diaper changing surface was observed to be not smooth and porous on this date in Room D/1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2021

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

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date. The Director stated that positive and redirection were primarily used at the Center. Time-out for up to one minute per year of the child's age was used as needed for children over three-years-old.

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: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/24/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2017

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/09/2019

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2020

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2020

Records Reviewed: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/04/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 02/05/2018	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2020	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2020	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 04/12/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Comment

The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021.

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 during the virtual walk through. The Consultant discussed with the Director the new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.