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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/30/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

CCLC-37954

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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.
08/30/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/29/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/28/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Single	B/2L	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Single	C/3L/PreK 1		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Single	D/1R	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Single	E/2R	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	PreK	2	21	C	25	C	36	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134					
Total # Children this Date: 71			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

On this date, the consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Monitoring Visit. Consultant requested the provider submit required documents for the Administrative Review process. An Administrative Review was conducted on September 15, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of the licensing study/monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on September 15, 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)

Sharon Tolver, 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)

Not Met

Comment

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

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 on observation, that the following was observed on this date accessible to children:

- Room B/2L – The vinyl cubes were observed to have small tears with foam exposed which prevented the furniture from being thoroughly cleaned as required.
- Room D/1L – The blue vinyl steps and the green vinyl chair were observed to have tears with foam exposed which prevented the furniture from being thoroughly cleaned as required.
- Room E/2R – The blue vinyl couch in the back of the classroom was observed to have tears with foam exposed which prevented the furniture from being thoroughly cleaned as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)**Not Met****Finding**

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 potential hazards were observed present on this date:

- Room B/2L – Two plastic bags were observed accessible to children in children’s cubbies on this date. A roll of trash bags and a box of gloves were observed on the back of the toilet and a toilet brush was observed beside the toilet in the bathroom.

- Room E/2R – A plunger and a toilet brush were observed accessible to children in the bathroom on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022**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****Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022****Corrected on 8/30/2022**

.15(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the infant feeding plans for all infants enrolled were observed to be on the updated infant feeding plan form and contained all required information on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined, based on observation, that three infants were observed in high chairs without being strapped in to prevent the infants from sliding out of the chair on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined, based on observation, that a child was not required to wash their hands after diapering in Room D/1R on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

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**

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)**Met****Comment**

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. The consultant observed complete first and second checks of the vehicle at the end of morning routine transportation on this date.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022**Corrected on 8/30/2022**

.36(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that the center had a complete emergency medical information record on file for each child being transported on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 05/18/2022	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/15/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 06/08/2017	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/16/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/31/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/15/2022	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/04/2021	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/28/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/05/2018	Met

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/21/2020	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 03/07/2022	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 06/11/2021	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 11/03/2020	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

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

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that direct supervision and watchful oversight was observed in all operating classrooms on this date.