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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-2459

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/28/2021	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	4 K Bldg.-Green	Three Year Olds	3	17	C	18	C	25	C	Art,Outside
Main	4 K Bldg-Blue		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	4 K Red	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	25	C	Transitioning
Main	4 K Yellow	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	18	C	25	C	Transitioning
Main	5 K Bldg-Green		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	5 K Blue		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	5 K Red Room		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	5-K Bldg-Yellow		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	Elementary Music Room		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 230							
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 230							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Back	155	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. This visit was conducted on this date. All required documents were reviewed by the consultant.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Laura Kinslow, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Consultant

Date



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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) **Met**

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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) **Not Met**

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the Director, to ensure small gaps found around the fence are repaired.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

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 on Consultant observation, exposed concrete at the bottom of the slide of the play equipment and around the pole anchoring the play equipment. Consultant also observed exposed tree roots around the big tree between the playgrounds.

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: 9/21/2022

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

The provider only services ages three-year-old and up. No diapering children are enrolled.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands in Classroom 3K Green when coming from outside play.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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)****Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 14****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 14**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2013

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2014

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/1998

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/17/2022

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2012

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6****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.