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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

CCLC-39691

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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.
04/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/05/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/20/2021	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
Main	Room A - 1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	26	C	Art
Main	Room B - Middle R	Infants	1	4	C	5	C	7	C	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	Room C - Rear L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D - 1L		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47					
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	65	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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/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@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)

Michele Hutchinson, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, 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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that there were almost no toys present on the shelves in the room where one and two-year-old children were cared for on the date of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2022

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

Met

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****Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021****Corrected on 4/14/2022**

The correction was observed during a review of records.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2021**Corrected on 4/14/2022**

The correction was observed during a review of records. The records were sent directly to the Consultant because the program submitted a Required Report within 90 days.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/5/2021****Corrected on 4/14/2022**

The correction was observed on the date of the visit.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that ceiling tiles should not be marked with water stains and to replace as needed. Further the Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that the electrical outlets that had the built-in protective covers should be fully operable or the outlets covered with the plastic outlet covers.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 the observation that children had access to thorny weeds, exposed tree limbs, black tarp and black landscaping material which posed a tripping hazard. In addition, children had access to stacked toys and equipment which were placed next to the building.

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. The weeds and limbs will be removed from the play area; the roots will be painted with a bright colored spay paint, when children are not present on the playground; the black tarp and black landscaping material will be removed from the playground; toys and equipment will be sorted and placed in a neat manner so that bugs cannot hide within the equipment and water that might be present due to the toys being stacked in baskets and on top of each other.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022**Food Service**

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021****Corrected on 4/14/2022**

The correction was observed during a review of records.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021

Corrected on 4/14/2022

The correction was observed during a review of records. The Consultant observed hot dogs on the date of the visit and discussed with the Director that the ages hot dogs were served to be defined on the menu to reflect they were served to children that were four and older.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that Bongards Premium Cheese was stored in the pantry and was labeled as KEEP REFRIGERATED. Further BERRYHILL Concord Grape Jelly and Kraft American Singles were observed to be left on the kitchen counter during the entirety of the visit and were not store in the refrigerator as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

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 the Consultant's observation that the diaper changing surface was not cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel after an infant was observed to have their diaper changed on the date of the visit.

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: 4/14/2022

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****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 on staff statements that crib sheets were not changed daily and appeared to be dirty on this date.

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: 4/14/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/10/2022	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2026	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

This rule will be evaluated on the following regulatory visit.

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: 10/20/2021

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021****Corrected on 4/14/2022****The correction was observed during a review of records.**

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2021

Corrected on 4/14/2022

The correction was observed on this date. Children were housed in their appropriate classrooms and with their grouped ages on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2021

Corrected on 4/14/2022

The correction was observed on this date. The appropriate number of staff were present in each classroom.