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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/7/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-52680

Horizon Christian Learning Academy

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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.
03/07/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/08/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
09/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building II	F (106)-	6-18 yrs	0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			35		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A (105)	6 wks- 18 mths	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Main	B (104)-	4-5 yrs	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	C (103)	- 3yrs	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	D (102)	2 yr	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E (101)	1yr	0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			68		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date:			45		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 4 yrs-18 yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 3 yrs	22	C

Comments

An in person was conducted on March 7, 2022. An administrative review was completed on March 15, 2022 and all findings were sent to the provider.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 03/07/2022

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)

Dr. Zina Benton, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, 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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2022

Corrected on 3/7/2022

.08(2) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed with the provider that the center will need to be in compliance with the Health Department during their checks of immunizations.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed cleaning the after school restroom as there was urine around the side of the toilet.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2022

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

Restroom between Room 102 and Room 103- a broom and dust pan located next to the sink
Room 104- accessible cords and four brooms, four dust pans and two vacuums located in a classroom closet
Room F- disinfectant spray located in the cubbies, two brooms and a dust pan placed near the door, and a vacuum located near the cubbies

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: 3/7/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following items were in need of repair:

Room 102- the sink cabinet door was hanging from the hinge and had chipped wood
Room 104- wood railing leading to the playground had chipped wood, the restroom door had chipped paint and wood, and flooring near the entry of the classroom was not flushed
Room F (Building Two)- carpet was not flushed to the floor in areas

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the extension cord is placed in a manner that does not pose a tripping hazard. In addition one board on the left side of back right playground needs to be secured as it loose and had exposed nails.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following items were in need of repair:

Back Right Playground- wood on the wooden structure had chipped paint
Front Right Playground- the pink and white riding toys and two gray trucks had sharp edges due to broken plastic and the fire engine was missing the steering wheel

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that items should not be attached to children's clothing or around their neck (pacifier clips or bibs).

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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 stated that no medication has been dispensed since the last regulatory visit.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.11(1) requires that disciplinary actions used to correct a child's behavior, guidance techniques and any activities in which the children participate or observe at the Center shall not be detrimental to the physical or mental health of any child. It was determined based on observation that a staff member was observed to pinch a two-year-old child on the face while on the center playground. No marks or bruises were observed. In addition, a staff member was observed to scream at the child on the playground in a harsh tone stating, "Stop it. Stop it". When the class returned to the classroom, the staff member bent down to the child's face and screamed, "I don't have time for this".

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will cease use of this disciplinary method; the director will provide staff training on appropriate child guidance techniques and have a system in place to monitor and identify/prevent inappropriate actions.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

.36(4)(a) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

.36(4)(f)1. - Citation corrected as booster seats were observed on the van. Please ensure that state law is followed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that during the week of February 28, 2022, an enrolled child was not marked as loaded or unloaded on March 3, 2022 and March 4, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

.30(1)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/22/2022	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Met

Comment

Based on a staff list submitted seven of seven staff members have a satisfactory criminal record check.

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

Please be aware that online first aid and CPR does not meet the rule requirements and it must be in person.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2022

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to have signed notes when any two-year-old and three-year-old children are mixed.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.