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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/20/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-47715

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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.
05/20/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/14/2020	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/06/2020	Complaint 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
Building 2	A - Infants - 18 mths	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play
Building 2	B - 18 mths - 2 yrs	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	C1 - 3 yrs - 4 yrs	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	C2 - 5 yrs - 13 yrs	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Homework
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Main	A - All ages	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- all ages		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground	34	C
Main	All Ages	7	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on May 20, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on April 30, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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 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)

charlene simmons, Program Official

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to have been in compliance with the licensed capacity.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning materials and other hazards was discussed. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please check bags and low lying shelving for medication and any other hazards.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair. Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper diapering was discussed with the Director on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of the rules.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Staff stated proper knowledge of the rules 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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - 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. Staff stated proper knowledge of the rules

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the Director the center had not conducted transportation. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(6)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the Director the center had not conducted transportation. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b)- - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the Director the center had not conducted transportation. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/08/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/27/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 12/02/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/19/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/21/2017	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director supplied a completed staff profile for review prior to the virtual walk through. Staff criminal records check information was verified in Koala Outback. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. It was noted that there was one new hire since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.14(3)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2020

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on April 30, 2021

Defer

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Immediate Correction Required- The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2020**Defer**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's and ensure that the teacher's follow the plan.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2020

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.