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Date: 9/1/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-37311

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
09/01/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Support	
08/01/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	2's- 2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A-I 1st Right - Infant/Toddlers		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- 3 to 13yrs 1st Left	GA PreK	1	17	C	22	C	31	C	Transitioning
Main	Rm. C-PreK-3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm. D-(4 to 13yrs) 3rd Left		0	0	C	30	C	43	C	Not In Use
Main	Rm. E- 3's 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	TV
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 143					
Total # Children this Date: 58					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 143					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Picnic Area left side	0	C
Main	PreK/School Ae	74	C
Main	Riding Area	15	C
Main	Toddler	41	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a POI follow up.

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.ga.gov/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

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)



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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Akia Roberts, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets. It was determined based on observation that children in classroom 2R were not served the 1oz requirement of meat on this date. The majority of food served was pasta and mixed vegetables.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines and will offer and serve seconds to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation and review of records that the posted menus did not reflect what was served on September 1, 2023. The posted menu stated pineapple and the 2R classroom was served applesauce and classrooms 3R, 1L, and 2L were served fruit cocktail.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2023

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

Corrected on 9/1/2023

.32(2) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

Corrected on 9/1/2023

.32(4) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed children under two-years-old and under to be housed in a separate physical area on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.32 - Please ensure that staff members are attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arms length away from children 36-months of age and younger.