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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/31/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-35606

Childcare Network #224

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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.
10/31/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/31/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/08/2022	Incident Investigation 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
Bldg. I	Back Left	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. I	Back Left Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
Bldg. I	Back Middle Right	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Bldg. I	Front Left	PreK	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. I	Right Back	Infants	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. I	Right Front	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. II	Back Left	Three Year Olds	3	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Art, Centers, Transitioning
Bldg. II	Front Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. I	Main	49	C

Comments

October 31, 2022--The visit was closed out on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/31/2022

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/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)

Samantha Weaver, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that toys for children under three years of age were required to be cleaned with a disinfectant daily. Further, toys should be sorted and placed in their designated centers and areas.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

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.

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

Not Met

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 storage closet in the back left Pre-K classroom was unlocked and a staff members purse was present. Further, another staff members rolling backpack was present in the classroom.

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: 10/31/2022

Technical Assistance

The Center had a recent flood and was in the middle of repairs. There were no hazards observed to be present for children on this date that occurred from the flood.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

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

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the playground was checked for possible hazards before children were present on the playground, as the Director stated due to rain that occurred on October 30, 2022, the playground was not checked and children were not yet present on the playground for the day.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/18/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2010

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/22/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2022

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 08/08/2019

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 02/28/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

Corrected on 10/31/2022

The correction was observed on this date.