Essentials of Transporting Children in Georgia

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Importance of Quality Care

Research tells us that all young children deserve excellent early care and education in healthy and safe early learning environments.

DECAL strives to work closely with facilities to provide the highest quality of care to the children being served.
What are Core Rules?

A set of rules identified by the Department that pose the greatest risk to a child’s health and safety if they are not followed.

Core rules are evaluated by Child Care Program Consultants during every Licensing Study and Monitoring Visit.

There are fifteen core rule categories that pertain to Child Care Learning Centers.

Not all rules in a core rule category are core rules.

The number of core rule categories cited within the past 12 months and the assigned risk level determines the rolling compliance level of the program.
Components of Effective Transportation Services

- Adequate Staffing
- Proper Documentation Procedures
- Vehicle Safety and Maintenance
- Vehicle Evaluation Procedures
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- **.36(7)(c) Passenger Checklist** – Passenger Transportation Checklist is approved by the Department. A separate checklist should be used for each vehicle.

- **.36(7)(c)1. Children’s Names** – Each child should be listed individually on the checklist by first and last name.

- **.36(7)(c)2. Load/Unload** – Loading and unloading of children accounted for.
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Vehicle Checks

.36(7)(d)1 First Check – First check of vehicle conducted immediately upon unloading the last child.

.36(7)(d)2 Second Check – Second check of vehicle conducted immediately upon completion of the first check.

.36(7)(d)3 Checking the vehicle when no second person is available (report by phone)
Rule Revisions

• **Summer 2011**
  - O.C.G.A. § 20-1A-13(c) Intended Emergency Closure
  - Incident of child being
  - Revoked the License

• **Revised Rules and Regulations**
  - January 2012
  - March 2014
  - December 2015
  - June 2017
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