



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/12/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-39237

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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.
01/12/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/08/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2016	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning, Circle Time, Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 9			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/12/2017

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).

	<p>Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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@decal.ga.gov.

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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)

Arlene Scarborough, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(a)-(f)-Allergies and Disabilities

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the children records have listed if they have any allergies or disabilities.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2017

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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

Consultant discussed with the provider on this date to secure the bottom of the right side fence so it's not an entrapment hazard.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires center staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifier or other hazardous items. It was determined based on consultant observation that an infant was placed in the crib for nap with a bib placed around their neck.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will instruct staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2017

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7)(a-d) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids; after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on consultant observation that children were observed to not wash their hands as required when a child arrived for the day and did not wash hands, and hands were not washed before snack.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper handwashing by children, the center will ensure that hands are washed at all required times.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2017

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Per the director the center has not dispensed medication since the last visit.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed-All Notices Posted

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that based on consultant observation that crib mattresses were observed to not be tight-fitting when gaps were observed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2017**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2016****Corrected on 1/12/2017****Citation observed to be corrected on this date.**

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete. The center has four staff and all four staff have the required fingerprints.

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

Observed-100% Certified First Aid & CPR

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

All staff have the required health and safety orientation.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2017

Staffing and Supervision

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

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision