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Date: 4/25/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-39299

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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.
04/25/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/19/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/12/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

<u>Building</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>NC/C</u>	<u>Max 35 SF.</u>	<u>35 SF. Comp.</u>	<u>Max 25 SF.</u>	<u>25 SF. Comp.</u>	<u>Notes</u>		
Building 1	Classroom A		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA			
Building 1	Room B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	3	C	7	C	NA	NA	Story		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			11			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			Building capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks	
Total # Children this Date:			3			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		11			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:	0

<u>Building</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Playground Occupancy</u>	<u>Playground Compliance</u>
Building 1	Playground	15	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decal.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), 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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Verna Walker, Program Official

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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2018

Corrected on 4/25/2019

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The director stated that the center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

The bathrooms were observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity was 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 following hazards were present in room B posing a potential hazard to the children in care:

- hand soap labeled: "keep out reach of children"
- prescription cough syrup in a child's bag
- a teacher's purse

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: 4/25/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. The director discussed the supervision plan that she has been using to cover the area that has temporary fencing up while waiting for the fence to be repaired after a tree fell on one corner of the fencing. She has repaired the fence with wire and bungee cords and keeps a staff member in that corner of the playground when children are playing on the playground.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures were observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing was observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The director stated that they have not dispensed medication since their last visit on November 19, 2018.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

The center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The director stated that the center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

The director stated that the center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit on November 19, 2018.

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

Documentation was observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff was 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 was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.