



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/17/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Closure from visit on 04/11/2018 **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-31979

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Quality Rated: No

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.
05/17/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/11/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/04/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	

Comments

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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.

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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes, 290-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Mark Pruitt, Program Official

Date

Alva Huff , Consultant

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Tiffany Carter , Consultant

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.25(9) requires that the Center not allow a person to remain on the premises if the person does not have a legitimate reason for being on the premises. It was determined, based on an investigative that sometime near the end of February, the beginning of March, 2018, center staff allowed a twelve-year-old child to freely interact at will with the children in care and assist center staff as needed in the classrooms. is substantiated. .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will monitor persons who enter the Center and ask them to leave when required.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2018

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.05(2) requires Center Staff to confine animals in pens or covered areas except during specific teacher-directed learning experiences and to keep animal pens and confinement areas clean. It was determined, based on an investigation that the owner/director's two dogs were present on playground C which is adjacent to other playgrounds B and D during hours of operation while children were in care at the facility.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain and keep animals in a suitable pen or covered area except when a teacher is using the animal in a specific learning experience. If needed, the pen or covered area will be cleaned and the Center will develop and follow a plan to keep the area clean.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2018