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Date: 9/15/2020 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:20 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/15/2020	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
08/24/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/20/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes	
Building 2	Bldg 2	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	15	C	20	C	Homework	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 71								
Main	Back left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	Back Middle	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Back Right	One Year Olds	1	2	C	6	C	NA	NA	Diapering	
Main	Front	PreK	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Front Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	11	C	15	C	Homework	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 71								
Total # Children this Date: 44			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 71				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Right	131	C
Main	Main	400	C
Main	Middle Right - Toddler	41	C

Comments

September 15, 2020 - The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and follow up from previous visit conducted on August 24, 2020. Investigative findings were not concluded on this date. Consultant, Sherri Thompson, conducted the field visit and checked the components of the Executive Order on this date. The center demonstrated that the center was following the Executive Order.

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/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Linda Stanley, Program Official

Date

Leslie Pettis, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2020

Corrected on 9/15/2020

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation corrected in that no transportation was being provided at this time. It was determined through a review of records that staff completed transportation training on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.14(2)- This citation was deferred and will be reviewed at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2020

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(3)-This citation was deferred and will be reviewed at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2020

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-This citation was deferred and will be reviewed at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2020