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Date: 10/22/2019 VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

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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.
10/22/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/07/2019	Licensing Study	Support	
04/03/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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-front left	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-Back	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	22	C	30	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 52							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 52							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground-Back	102	C
Main	Playground-left	71	C

Comments

The purpose for this visit was to conduct a plan of improvement follow-up visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on October 7, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/22/2019

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://www.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

Tonnie Merritt, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.03(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed each classroom to have current lesson plans available for review.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the television in classroom C-Back on the blue grey shelf to be secured.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.06(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the toilet had been replaced in the back right restroom.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed approximately six inches of resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the playground equipment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.26(9) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant observed the playground areas to be clean and free of any potential hazardous items on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the center to have complete documentation of a lock down drill being completed for the year 2019. Please ensure to complete one more lock down drill by the end of December 2019.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2003

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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 was conducted on October 7, 2019.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center having until the end of December 2019 to complete the required 10 hours of annual training.

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: 10/7/2019

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #4, date of hire October 27, 2013, did not meet the minimum academic requirements for a lead teacher.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2019

Recited on 10/22/2019