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Date: 1/29/2021 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:15 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-1457

Childcare Network #12

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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.
01/29/2021	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/16/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/17/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	Main:Pre-K (room A)	PreK	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Pre-K (room B)	PreK	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm A-L ft	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm B-L middle		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm C-L back	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	NC	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm D-Center Bk	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 44			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	102	C
Main	Playground B	15	C
Main	Playground C	24	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring and a follow up for previous rule citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/29/2021

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/RuleAndRegulations.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

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed a broken red couch in the middle classroom that was not in use. The consultant discussed with staff about removing the couch before the room was in use again with children present.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2021

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Corrected on 1/29/2021

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All cleaning supplies were observed to be stored in an area that was inaccessible to children in care.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds and accessible to children in care.

- On the back toddler playground the red, yellow, and blue slide had a piece missing that left four holes on the side that could potentially be an entrapment hazard.
- On the back toddler playground the platform on the plastic square slide was cracked presenting a pinching hazard and when pressure was applied to the platform there was a gap that presented a pinching and entrapment hazard.
- On the back toddler playground there was a silver bar above the slide on the brown structure that was loose and had two exposed screws presenting a hazard.
- On the side toddler playground the round yellow track bicycles had chipping paint and one of the five bicycles had a missing pedal.
- On the side toddler playground on the blue play structure the tunnel had two top screws missing on the side with the curved slide. Additionally, the structure had chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2021**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant observed two palmetto plants on the side toddler playground. These plants have sharp edges that could pose a hazard to children in care. The consultant discussed with staff about removing these plants from the playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/16/2020**

Corrected on 1/29/2021

.29(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. A Director was hired and has been trained on required reporting. The district manager will also ensure required reports are made as needed.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that three of six cribs did not have tight fitting sheets as required. during the visit two of the cribs that did not have tight-fitting sheets were occupied.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that in the three-year-old classroom students napping in the same area together were not placed the required 12 inches apart instead two students were measured to be eight (8) inches apart and two other students were measured to be five (5) inches apart. Additionally, three other students were observed to be napping in a row and all three students had their heads at the top and were not alternated head to foot as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/07/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/29/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2012

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2016

Staff # 12 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** Met**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that in the one and two-year-old classroom there were four (4) one-year-olds and five (5) two-year-olds present with one staff member for a 1:9 ratio. The one-year-olds were the youngest group of children that included more than twenty percent of the total number of children. Therefore, the ratio should have been 2:9 and not the observed 1:9 for the group of children present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2021

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.