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Date: 5/22/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:20 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-1490

Childcare Network #9

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/22/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/23/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/07/2018	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 1	Front-5+yr/Red	PreK	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	FrontLt-Pre-K/1	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	Lf Bk 3's	PreK	1	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	Pre-K/3	PreK	1	3	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	Right Back-Pre-K2	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building II	1st Lt-Two's	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Building II	1st Rt-Infants	Infants	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Building II	Mid-1yr-Toddler	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The Consultant reviewed and discussed the Compliance and Determination Worksheet on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/22/2019

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://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

Lynne Tyson-Price, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

Corrected on 5/22/2019

The correction was observed on this date. There was no exposed concrete on this date. New resilient surface was observed but had washed under the equipment and the resilient surface will be fluffed and redistributed and a plan put in place to maintain the resilient surface in the fall zones of the equipment.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there were weeds and limbs growing through the fence on the preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2019

Recited on 5/22/2019

	Health and Hygiene
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591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

Corrected on 5/22/2019

The correction was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

Corrected on 5/22/2019
The correction was observed on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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Training will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit. The consultant conducted a visit to the center on April 23, 2019.

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: 12/7/2018

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.