



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/29/2019 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-16513

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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.
10/29/2019	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/08/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/25/2019	Complaint 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	A-1L 2 year olds	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Main	B-2L Pre-K	PreK	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C-3L Pre-K	PreK	2	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	D-4L 3 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-1R S/A		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-2R front	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Nap
Main	G-2R back	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Nap
Main	H-3R Infants	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Lunch, Diapering
Main	I-3R back 1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J- 4R front	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K-4R 2 years	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 140			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Infants	17	C
Main	Playground B - 3's and 4's	27	C
Main	Playground C - School Age	97	C
Main	Playground D - School Age	27	C
Main	Playground E - 2's	28	C
Main	Playground F - 1's	29	C
Main	Playground G - 3's and 4's	34	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and POI follow-up and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on July 25, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/29/2019

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.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)



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

Sthar Trotman, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that children are not confined for longer than 30 minutes and that various activities are offered to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Center ceased all swimming activities as of July 24, 2019. Center will reevaluate in the Spring of 2020 to determine if they will resume 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that three (3) cans of shaving cream with the label "Keep Out of Reach of Children" were located in an unlocked cabinet accessible to children in Classroom B on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

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 Playground D had one (1) swing with a broken chain on this date.

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: 11/8/2019**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad surface in Classroom A and H were not smooth and nonporous on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Provider stated the large school bus on the property is not used at this time.

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 staff statements that crib sheets in Classroom I are not changed daily.

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: 10/29/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that five (5) one-year-old children in Classroom I were sleeping in cribs with blankets on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2008	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2008	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2017	
Staff # 4	Met

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/27/2016

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/25/2008

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2008

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2017

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2008

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2008

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/11/2016

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five (5) files for employees hired since last visit on July 25, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.09(1)(l)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed children to be adequately supervised and staff addressing children's actions and needs during a walk through of the facility on this date.