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Date: 9/16/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-1773

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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.
09/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/18/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/14/2019	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
Building Two	101		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Building Two	102		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building Two	103		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building Two	104		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A-Caterpillars- Infants	Infants	2	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B- Hummingbirds- 3 y/o	One Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- Flamingos	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D-Swans- Schoolage	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E- Peacocks	Five Year Olds	2	3	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- Ladybugs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-Butterflies	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 31		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and follow-up on previous citations from March 14, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/16/2019

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)



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2019

Corrected on 9/16/2019

.12(4) - Previous citation was corrected by removing the cabinet from the classroom.

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

N/A

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)

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 consultant's observation that there was a bag with alcohol wipes, syringe needles and band-aids in a child's book bag on the bottom of the children's cubbies in room G. It was further determined that in Room D a bottle of Insect Repellent and sunscreen was accessible to the children in a cubby.

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2019

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence surrounding the perimeter of both playgrounds was 42 inches tall. It was further determined that due to not having an enclosed fence on the left side of the larger playground, the balcony railing does not meet the required 48 inches of height. The railing measured 42 inches high.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the ventilation in room B was not operable above the changing table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2019

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20 - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures, of when children are absent.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 42

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/27/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/05/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2016	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 04/30/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2019	

Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2024	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2016	
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2019	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2016	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2019	
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 12/27/2017	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 11/13/2018	

Records Reviewed: 42

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 04/01/2019	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 05/02/2018	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 04/23/2019	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 12/16/2015	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 03/12/2019	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 09/06/2019	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 05/10/2018	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 09/05/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Comment

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.