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**Date:** 3/8/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-2310**

**Tallatoona Early Childhood Developmental Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A (left)	Three Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning
Main	Room B (Middle)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room C (right)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 25, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 8, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/08/2021

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Sharnette Glenn, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### Facility

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through food storage was observed. Food was observed to be stored on shelving, separately from cleaning products.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Program is a Head Start program that cares for older children. There are no children in the program that require diapering.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Organization**

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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License** **Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.16(e)-Citation deferred pending completion of amendment application.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

**Correction Deadline: 9/18/2020**

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date. No infants enrolled in the program.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 11**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2019

**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/19/2018 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	Not Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/06/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/21/2016	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/27/2016 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	Not Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/28/2018 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	Not Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/19/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/17/2018	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**


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**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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that three of six applicable staff did not have ten clock hours of annual training for 2020.

**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: 12/31/2021**

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**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 February 15, 2021.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratio was observed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.