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Date: 5/21/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-25142

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/21/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/28/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/11/2019	Complaint Closure	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
Main	A- PreK 4B	PreK	2	18	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B PreK 4A	PreK	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C- PreK 3B	PreK	3	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D PreK 3A	PreK	3	23	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E School Age		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- Sr. Toddlers	Two Year Olds	3	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- Jr. Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H- Infants B	Infants	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I- Infant A	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 127

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	7	C
Main	B	70	C
Main	C	54	C
Main	D	20	C
Main	E	59	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to complete the follow-up to the corrections of the citations from the previous visit that was conducted.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/21/2019

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

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Date

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Findings Report

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

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on Consultant observation the following hazards were present:

- locks beneath cabinet not working properly C 3B
- broken handle on dark burgundy storage closet classroom A 4B

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all hazardous items. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2019

Recited on 5/21/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.17(7) - Staff stated proper knowledge for children handwashing as required. Consultant observed proper handwashing for children after eating, after toileting, and re-entering the classroom.

Policies and Procedures

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.21(1)(p) - Consultant observed on this date that the center had prepared an emergency preparedness plan that was written to handle emergencies.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

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 consultant observation the children in classroom 3 A and 3 B were observed not to be head to toe. Consultant observed throughout the center the sleeping and resting equipment was arranged not to have at least twenty-four inches (24) between the cots and mats and child's head is toward another child's feet.

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: 5/21/2019

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.30(2) - Consultant observed on this date all cribs were in use. There were no crib observed to be used for storage.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.33(6) - Consultant observed training had been completed for the required staff.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.