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Date: 6/13/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-32809

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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.
06/13/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/30/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/27/2018	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 1 Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Transitioning
Main	Room 1 Right	PreK	2	7	C	18	C	25	C	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room 2 Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room 2 Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and PreK	2	23	C	26	C	37	C	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room 3 Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room 4 Left	PreK	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126				
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1 Left	15	C
Main	1 Right	30	C


Main	2 Left	25	C
Main	2 Right	45	C
Main	3 Left	25	C
Main	4 Left	35	C

Comments

Director provided Seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2019

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.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.

- 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.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

Ramona Stewart, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 03/20/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 03/10/2017

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2015

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2011

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2016

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2011

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/05/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2011

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2011

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 06/05/2018

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2008

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 05/24/2019

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2012

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2017

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2018

Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/20/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/01/2011	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 02/26/2019	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/01/2011	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 03/16/2017	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 22**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided Seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2018

Corrected on 6/13/2019

.09(1)(j) - Previous citation observed corrected.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on the consultant's review that two staff members employed after September 30, 2016 did not obtain CPR and first aid within 90 days of their hire date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2019

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

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