



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/18/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

CCLC-3451

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/18/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/11/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/27/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	Center - 2134		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2062		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2067		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2135		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2144		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2145		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2146		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2151		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2154		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Kenan-2063		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Kenan-2064		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Kenan-2065		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Stepping Stones-1015		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Stepping Stones-1016		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Stepping Stones-1018		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Taylor Stelmack - 2135		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 246

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 246


Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on the previous visit on January 11, 2019. No children were present on the day of the day the visit was conducted.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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).

	<p>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,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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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.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

Lola Stringer, Program Official

Date

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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

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.

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

Corrected on 7/18/2019

.25(13) - The consultant did not observe any hazards in the classrooms on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. The center has a nurse on site that dispenses medication to the children.

Safety

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

There were no infants enrolled on the day of the visit.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 24****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2001	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 6	Met

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/04/2014	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/05/2013	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/03/2016	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/14/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/09/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/01/2004	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/01/1991	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/09/2010	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/03/2012	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/16/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/01/1999	Met
Staff # 22	Met

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 08/03/2016

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2015

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2001

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 42

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 for all staff on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.