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Date: 11/16/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:00 AM

Departure: 10:15 AM

CCLC-3579

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/16/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/02/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/01/2016	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
Building 1	1 (0-12 months)	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play
Building 1	10 (threes)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	11 (threes)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	12 (four-five years)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	13 (School-age)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	2 (one-two years)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Circle Time
Building 1	3 (9-18 months)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Nap
Building 1	4 (two years)	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Circle Time
Building 1	5 (Activity Room)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	6 (one years)	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	7 (5-12yrs)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	8 (threes)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	9 (fours)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	15	C	21	C	Transitioning

		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 212					
Building 2	downstairs (school-age)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 212					
Total # Children this Date: 75		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 212					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/16/2017

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decga.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://decga.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2017

Corrected on 11/16/2017

The consultant observed lesson plans on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed no unsecured or hazardous equipment on this date.

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the inside of the bottom of the wooden play house was observed to have wood splitting which resulted in sharp edges being accessible to children on the outdoor play area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2017**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the blue jungle gym on the back outdoor play area was observed to have three inches of resilient surface for the fall zones when six inches was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2017

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/2/2017****Corrected on 11/16/2017****The consultant observed diapering procedures to be completed as required on this date.**

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The director stated that no medication had been given since the consultant's last visit on May 2, 2017.

Safety

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Bus inspection observed to be completed on October 26, 2017.

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation of transportation checklist on this date.

Finding

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.36(3)(a-c) requires the Director and each Staff person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children to meet the following requirements: (a) complete two (2) clock hours of transportation training on or before June 30, 2015 and at least every two years thereafter. (b) Effective July 1, 2015, the Director and each Staff person who will be responsible for or participate in the transportation of children shall have completed two (2) clock hours of transportation training prior to assuming any duties related to the transportation of children and at least every two years thereafter. (c) Any transportation training completed should be state approved or state accepted training. It was determined based on observation that the director and another staff with transportation responsibilities were observed to have expired transportation training.

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on observation that the director and another staff with transportation responsibilities were observed to have expired transportation training

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The center will ensure that the director, center staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

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Correction Deadline: 11/21/2017

Recited on 11/16/2017

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2017

Corrected on 11/16/2017

The consultant observed tight fitting sheets for all cribs present on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2017

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2016

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2004

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2016

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/16/2004

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2001

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2004

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 04/02/2003

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2016

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2008

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/1993

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2001

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2016

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2004

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2002

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2005

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2004

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2001

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

No new hires

Technical Assistance

The director was informed that a fingerprint background determination for any staff that had fingerprints completed before January 1, 2014 must obtain an updated fingerprint determination by October 1, 2018. The director was further informed that all staff must have a comprehensive background check determination on file no later than October 1, 2018.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Correction Deadline: 6/1/2017****Corrected on 11/16/2017****The consultant observed updated first year training on this date.****Defer**

The consultant will evaluate training for 2017 at the licensing study visit as staff have until December 31, 2017 to complete training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of ongoing training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2017**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to meet applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision