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Date: 9/25/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:35 PM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

CCLC-465

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/25/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/08/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/13/2018	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	First Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap
Main	First Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Fourth Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Fourth Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Middle Back	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Second Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Second Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Third Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Third Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	23	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:						163	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			163	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	16	C
Main	Middle Back Playground	110	C
Main	Right Playground	62	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up on previous rule violations.

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/ChildCare/Regulations/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

Sharon Foster, 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.

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: 3/8/2019

Corrected on 9/25/2019

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that no hazards were observed.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant spoke with assistant director and asked that staff keep a watch of the fencing material throughout the outside play areas to ensure that weeds are not present and accessible to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019

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 an observation, that two of two swing chains were observed to be rusted on the playground which housed preschool age children. It was further determined that chipping paint was observed throughout the play structure of the preschool playground. It was also also determined that one of two swing seats was observed to be broken in half on the preschool playground.

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.

Consultant spoke with the Quality Care Coordinator who stated that the center would be replacing playground equipment by December of 2019.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff of the infant and one-year-old classrooms stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - Consultant spoke with the assistant director and asked that all staff who participate in transportation understand that the first and second checks must be conducted by physically walking the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2019

Corrected on 9/25/2019

.36(3)(a-b) - Correction of previous citation that documentation of transportation training was observed for the employee.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Director provided files for six employees hired since last visit.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.