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Date: 4/8/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-502

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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.
04/08/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/31/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/13/2018	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
Bldg 3	1L Pre K 1	PreK	2	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 3	1R Pre K 2	PreK	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171							
Bldg II	Room H		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Room I		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171							
Main	Rm C middle rear	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm D middle front		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm E Right Rear	PreK	2	16	C	18	C	25	C	Centers
Main	Rm F Rt front	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	26	C	Transitioning, Music
Main	Room A 1st Left		0	0	C	0	C	26	C	
Main	Room B 2nd Left	PreK	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171							
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Left Preschool	85	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/08/2019

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/RuleAndRegulations.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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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018

Corrected on 4/8/2019

.03(14) - Children were observed to watch age-appropriate media.

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that lesson plans were not available for classrooms E and F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2019

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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1****Child # 1****Met**

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that allergies and special accommodations are completed on enrollment forms for each enrolled child.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on observation that the door to the laundry room was unlocked and accessible through classroom F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2019

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that fence gate that separates the toddler and school-age playground had a gap larger than 10 inches wide, creating a potential entrapment hazard. Also, the fence pole on the outside of classroom F was missing a cap, creating sharp edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2019

Recited on 4/8/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state 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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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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: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 12/14/2018

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/11/2008

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/30/2010

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/10/2010

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 01/03/2017

Staff # 6	Met
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Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/25/2016

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2000

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2018

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2017

Staff # 11

Met

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 03/18/2014

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018

Corrected on 4/8/2019

.32(7) - Appropriate supervision was observed.