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Date: 11/18/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
11/18/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
10/16/2019	Initial Licensing Study	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	A- 1R	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C- 2L	One Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- 3R	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E- 4R		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	32	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	G		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	81	C
Main	B	68	C
Main	C	16	C
Main	Water Park	23	C

Comments

Director provided two files for employees hired since previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/18/2019

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

Gina Whitfield, Program Official

Date

Tomekia Hudson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.03(7) - Citation corrected on this date. Staff stated that children under the age of twelve months did participate in daily outdoor activities when weather permits.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.12(4) - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.12(5) - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.12(8) - Citation corrected on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.06(4) - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.25(13) - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.25(17) - Citation corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.26(3) - Citation corrected on this date.

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 consultant's observation that the fence surrounding the HVAC unit on the Water Park Playground was three feet three inches in height when the requirement is four feet. Additionally, the fence gates located on Playground A and Playground B were observed to have sharp fence material poking out on the bottom. Further the bolts located on the fence gates for Playground B and Playground A were protruding more than two threads in length.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install a fence that measures at least four feet in height around the HVAC unit. The center will remove sharp material from the fence and fence gates. The center will cut bolts down to no more than two threads in length and either sand them or cap them so that sharp edges are not exposed.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Recited on 11/18/2019

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 consultant's observation that no resilient surfacing was present under the Little Tykes climber on Playground B that measured five feet in height. Additionally, there was no resilient surfacing present under the blue and red climber on Playground C that measured six feet in height. Further, the consultant did not observe the appropriate fall zone for the swings on Playground B and Playground C. The swing fall zones on Playground B and C measured at seven feet four inches when the required fall zones should be nine feet eight inches.

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: 12/2/2019

Recited on 11/18/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the following hazards were found to be accessible to children on the playground:

Playground A:

- Exposed concrete footing around the base of the back fence gate
- Plastic adult chairs were stacked on top of each other and unstable
- Riding toys had dirt buildup and spider webs located in the seats
- Spider webs were located throughout the tree house play structure
- The sidewalk was raised two inches above the ground, creating a tripping hazard

Playground B:

- The sidewalk was raised two inches above the ground, creating a tripping hazard

Playground C:

- The lattice located under the deck contained exposed staples that were accessible to children
- A black tarp located under the sea animal play structure was exposed and created a tripping hazard
- Uneven ground located on a small hill was observed to be rocky and created a tripping hazard
- Spider webs were found on the playground in the left corner of the vinyl fence

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will add dirt or mulch around sidewalks to create an even play surface. The center will remove nails or staples from any exposed areas of the playground. The center will ensure that the entirety of the playground is smooth by adding dirt or mulch to remove any tripping hazards. The center will clean toys and materials regularly and check for spider webs. The center will not stack chairs where they are accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Recited on 11/18/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.15(3) - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.15(9) - Citation corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.18(5) - Citation corrected on this date. Temperature was at 36 degree Fahrenheit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.10(1) - Citation corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the changing pad located in classroom D contained a tear, making it nonporous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair or replace the changing pad.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Recited on 11/18/2019

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.10(9) - Citation corrected on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.20(1) - Citation corrected on this date. Center does not administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.20(4) - Citation corrected on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.30(1)(a) - Citation corrected on this date. Cribs in classroom B removed and replaced.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.30(1)(a)2 - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.30(1)(a)3 - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.30(1)(b)1 - Citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.30(2)(c) - Citation corrected on this date.