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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/13/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:45 PM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

CCLC-3329

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/13/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
12/08/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/16/2021	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	1R	Infants	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	2R	One Year Olds	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3R Back	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3R front		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4R Back	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	4R Front	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5R left side	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5R right side		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 62

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - A	44	C
Main	Playground - B	152	C
Main	Playground - C	8	C

Comments

Follow up in-person while on a complaint investigation.

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.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,

- 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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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)

Jessie Eason , Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2021

Corrected on 1/13/2022

.30(1)(b)3 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all children were observed asleep with sheets and blankets during nap time.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/18/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/28/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/1997	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/1997	

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 11/10/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/22/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 04/18/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/01/2002	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 02/26/2003	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/11/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/15/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/27/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 05/11/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/11/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	Met
Staff # 18	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2021

Corrected on 1/13/2022

.09(1)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the satisfactory criminal records check was completed on December 9, 2021 and received. Please ensure that staff has completed a new fingerprint when there is a six month break in service before being present at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2021

Corrected on 1/13/2022

.09(1)(I)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the satisfactory criminal records check was completed on December 9, 2021 and received. Please ensure that staff has completed a new fingerprint when there is a six month break in service before being present at the facility.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2022

Corrected on 1/13/2022

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the CPR and First Aid certifications were observed to be completed. Please ensure to keep track of staff needing CPR and First Aid within the required 90 day period and further maintained.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2022

Corrected on 1/13/2022

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the Health and Safety Orientation Training were observed to be completed. Please ensure that staff completes the training with the required 90 days and kept on file.