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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/15/2021 **VisitType:** Follow-Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/15/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
09/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/20/2021	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	1 HS Inclusion	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	1 Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	10 Multi Purpose	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	11 Sensory Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	12 Extended Care	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	13 Outside Hall	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	14 Outside Hall	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	15 Outside Hall	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	1a Head Start Hall		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2 HS Inclusion		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2 Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers,Circle Time
Main	2a Head Start Hall		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3 HS Inclusion		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3 Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	3a Head Start Hall		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4 HS Inclusion		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Main	4a Head Start Hall	0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	5 Head Start Hall	0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	5a Head Start Hall	0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	6 Head Start Hall	0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	7 Head Start Hall	0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 471					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0									
Total # Children this Date: 172					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 471					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plygrd - Main	204	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a virtual follow up and complaint investigation.



Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/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

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.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

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@decals.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://decals.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)

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Date

Twantaye Compton, Consultant

Date