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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/6/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:30 PM

Departure: 2:45 PM

CCLC-26213

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Quality Rated: No

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.
12/06/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2020	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Main	A-G7 (1st RT) 133	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-G5 (2nd RT) 132	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-G8 (1st LF) 131	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-G6 (2nd LF) 130	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-G4 (3rd LF) 129	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-G9-(Nursery) RT Front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G-G1		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 53						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	48	C

Comments

Administrative Review was conducted on December 6, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

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@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)

Heather Burroughs, Program Official

Date

Mandi Sloan, Consultant

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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**

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Met**

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(3) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that months where the center is closed are crossed out on the documentation of drill form to ensure drills are conducted every month for fire and every six months for other emergency drills.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2021

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/2/2020****Corrected on 12/6/2021****.11(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as appropriate discipline was observed during the virtual walk through of the program. Further, staff stated no time where staff participates in physical or overt conduct.**

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/30/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/20/2017	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/10/2013	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/10/2015	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/07/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/02/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/02/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/17/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 01/07/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since the last visit conducted on January 27, 2021.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2021

Corrected on 12/6/2021

.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date a CPR and first aid records 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

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.