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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/3/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-35600

Childcare Network #218

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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.
02/03/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/15/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
11/30/2021	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. I	1st Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. I	1st Right	Infants	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Bldg. I	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. I	2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Bldg. I	Back	Three Year Olds	3	27	C	72	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. II	Left Side	GA PreK	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg. II	Right Side	GA PreK	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 98			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. I	Main	77	C

Comments

February 21, 2022--An administrative review was completed on this date after all documents requested were received.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/03/2022

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)

Angel Reynolds, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that all classrooms were required to have a schedule that reflected the events and activities for the day, and that the activity should match the schedule as reflected.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2022

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.12(8) requires toys for children under three years of age to be age-appropriate; non-toxic and lead-free; too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; free of sharp pieces, edges or points; free of small parts which may be pried off by a child, free of rust; and easily cleaned with a disinfectant daily. It was determined based upon Consultant observation that the shelves and toys were observed to be dirty throughout the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will provide age-appropriate toys and remove any toys that are not age-appropriate in each room housing children under three years of age. The Center will implement a plan to train Staff to regularly examine toys for the listed hazards and remove toys when hazards are identified and to clean toys with a disinfectant daily.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2022

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on Consultant observation that these deficiencies were observed on the date of the visit: trash can and trash can lids were dirty, light switch in the bathroom on the right in Building 1 Back Room was broken, the toilet in the right bathroom on the right in Building 1 Back Room had blood on the handle, and there were stained ceiling tiles and ceiling tiles that were popped out of the ceiling in Building 1 Back Room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The Director stated trash cans and their lids would be cleaned, toys and shelves would be cleaned, a new light switch was purchased on the date of the visit, the blood was cleaned off of the toilet, ceiling tiles were repaired and replaced on the date of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2022

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

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 observation that the climber on the two and three-year-old playground had rust present. Further the climber on the GA Pre-K Classroom was broken.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The Maintenance Lead stated the rust on the climber would be corrected and the climber on the GA Pre-K playground was closed and would be repaired before children were allowed on the equipment.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2022

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2021

Corrected on 2/3/2022
The correction was made.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting Met

Comment
Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment
Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

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
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance
The Consultant discussed with the Director that crib mattresses were required to be tear and rip free and should be replaced when foam was exposed.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2019

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/05/2005	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/22/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/22/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 12/27/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 04/12/2018	
Staff # 17	Met

Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/22/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 05/17/2021

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2021

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 11/13/2019

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2020

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2021

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2021

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/2020

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2020

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 11/26/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that online only first aid and CPR were not accepted by Bright from the Start to meet the training requirements. Further the Consultant discussed with the Director that new staff were required to obtain first aid and CPR within the first 90 days of employment.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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: 12/15/2021

Corrected on 2/3/2022

The correction was made. Gates were placed in all diaper changing rooms that prevented infants or children from going behind the changing table and not able to be seen.