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### Cover Sheet

Date: 5/4/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 4:40 PM

Departure: 5:40 PM

CCLC-37226

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
10/12/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/06/2021	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/02/2021	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
Main	A Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Main	B Middle	Infants	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C Right	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50							
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50			Building @25 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	one	61	C

### Comments

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

Angela RAY, Program Official

Date

tomekia sherman, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2021**

**Corrected on 5/4/2022**

The previous citation observed to be corrected on this date.

### 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.

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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical	Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/6/2021

Corrected on 5/4/2022

Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene
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591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records
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Records Reviewed: 5
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Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 06/24/2019

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 04/10/2018

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/01/2018

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**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/14/2014

Staff # 5

Met

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/5/2021****Corrected on 5/4/2022**

The previous citation has been corrected on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/5/2021****Corrected on 5/4/2022**

The previous citation has been corrected in this date.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

It was discussed that it is required that the Center to have a Director who is responsible for the supervision, operation and maintenance of the Center. The Director must be on the Center's premises. If the Director is absent from the Center at any time during the hours of the Center's operation, there shall be an officially designated person on the Center site to assume responsibility for the operation of the Center, and this person shall have full access to all records required to be maintained under these rules.

**Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022**

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<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

It was discussed that it is required that during day-time rest or sleeping periods, at least one Staff person is in each room providing direct supervision of the children and all Staff required by these rules relating to Staff: child ratios are in the Center and available to assure safe evacuation in an emergency. Staff: child ratios may be doubled for children three (3) years and older provided these requirements are met.

**Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022**

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Technical Assistance**

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**Technical Assistance**

It was discussed that it is required that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

**Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022**