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Date: 1/30/2020 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-1723

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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.
01/30/2020	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/30/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/27/2019	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	102	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	110		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	103	PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	108	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	109	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	111	One Year Olds	2	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 49					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground LF	25	C
Main	Playground RT	56	C
Main	Tricycle Area	14	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an incident investigation and licensing study and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on August 27, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/13/2020

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

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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the blue chair in Room 111 (one-year-olds) contained a rip in the back cushion and a hole in the seat cushion exposing the inner foam.

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Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

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

591-1-1-.35(3)- Provider stated that no swimming activities have occurred since the Monitoring Visit conducted on August 27, 2019. Citation will be evaluated upon the program's next regulatory visit. The center stated that they are currently unsure if they will be providing future swimming activities.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Defer

591-1-1-.35(6)-Provider stated that no swimming activities have occurred since the monitoring visit conducted on August 27, 2019. Citation will be evaluated upon the program's next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that child safety locks are latched and installed on cabinet doors that may be accessible to the children receiving care.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 1/30/2020

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as fencing material was not observed to present a hazard to children. Further, gates on the right and left playgrounds did not possess gaps at the bottom or between each fence gate which would pose an entrapment hazard.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that four tricycles on the right playground were missing rubber handles on each handle bar, exposing a sharp edge. Further, one tricycle on the front patio "tricycle area" contained an area of peeling red paint and rust on the front handle bars.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that two inches of resilient surface was present under the play structure on the right playground when three inches were required.

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Correction Deadline: 2/9/2020

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 observation that exposed tree roots were present surrounding the large tree within the sand area on the right playground as the sand has washed away from the bottom of the tree exposing the tree's roots. The exposed tree roots posed a potential tripping hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that six cots in Room 111 were not in good repair as they contained rips and tears near the corners.

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Correction Deadline: 2/13/2020

Recited on 1/30/2020

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for sixteen staff files reviewed.

Comment

The director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit that was conducted on August 27, 2019. The consultant observed three of three newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter on file.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 1/30/2020

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 1/30/2020

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 1/30/2020

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019

Corrected on 1/30/2020

.14(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as CPR and First Aid training was observed to be complete for all qualifying employees who were past the initial 90 days employment.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.