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Date: 3/9/2020 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 12:05 PM

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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.
03/09/2020	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/23/2019	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/15/2019	Licensing Study	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	A - Right	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B - Middle		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - Left	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only one	24	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/09/2020

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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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant did not observe any hazards on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant and Director discussed repairs needed in the middle classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

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

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the fence four feet high as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the playground equipment to be clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the playground to be clean and free of hazards on this date.

	Health and Hygiene
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591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad in the Left Classroom was observed to not be nonporous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2020**Recited on 3/9/2020**

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the first row of seats was torn with foam exposed on the bottom of the seats on the van used for routine transportation with tag #PRU4492. It was further determined based on observation that the back of the first and third row of seats was torn with foam exposed on the van used for routine transportation with tag #PRU3072.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2020**Recited on 3/9/2020**

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Consultant and Director discussed supervision of children in the middle classroom while repairs are being made to the classroom.