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Date: 7/23/2019 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-36655

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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.
07/23/2019	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/15/2019	Licensing Study	Deficient	
11/21/2018	Complaint Closure	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 - Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	B - Middle	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	C - Left	One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only one	24	C

Comments

This was the first visit of the fiscal year. The purpose of this visit was to follow-up from the previous visit. All criminal background checks were observed to be satisfactory on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/23/2019

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 MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.03(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The lesson plans were current in the Middle and Right classrooms.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.12(2) - This citation observed to be corrected on this date. The torn mat was removed from the classroom.

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: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that all missing information in children's records was obtained.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.08(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that all missing information in children's records was obtained.

	Facility
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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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(12) - Please be sure to place a four foot barrier around all heating and cooling equipment.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards were observed accessible to children in the

Left Classroom: a jug of Clorox, trash bag, and two plastic bags were found in an unlocked cabinet under the fridge which was accessible to children. It was further determined that the Right Classroom was observed to have an unplugged lamp on the floor which was accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.25(3) - Correction of previous citation in that based on Consultant's observation all outlets were covered with outlet plates and there was no exposed wires observed on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence measured at only 39 inches at the back right corner of the playground and only 46 inches at the back left corner of the playground when 48 inches of fencing height is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019

Recited on 7/23/2019

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 broken toys were observed accessible to children on the playground in that a red Radio Flyer tricycle was observed missing the handle grips and front wheel cover. A broken yellow and green riding toy was observed to be broken on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

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 an active ant bed was found on the front middle of the playground where the grass and plastic barrier meet. It was further determined that green vines were growing along the fence on the back left of the playground.

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.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.15(5) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the menu posted for the current month.

Health and Hygiene

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 have in each corner and a tear in the top middle of the mat exposing foam on this date.

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: 7/30/2019

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.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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 driver's seat was observed torn with foam exposed on the van used for routine transportation. It was determined based on observation that the drivers seat third row of seats was observed with foam exposed on the van used for routine transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Recited on 7/23/2019

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.36(4)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the fire extinguisher was observed in working order on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the center is has not transported children since consultant's last visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.36(7)(d)1. - Correction of previous citation in that the center is has not transported children since consultant's last visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the center is has not transported children since consultant's last visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

.30(1)(b)3 - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed sheets available for cots in all classrooms.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Corrected on 7/23/2019

This citation observed to be corrected on this date. The Health and Safety Orientation was observed in the staff's files.

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.