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Date: 12/29/2017 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-47920

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/29/2017	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	1L - Room B - Preschool		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R - Room A - Preschool		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2L - Room D - Toddler 2		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R - Room C - Preschool		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L - Room F - Toddler 2		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	3R - Room E - Preschool		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Preschool - School - Age	30	C
Main	Playground B - Toddler 2 - Preschool	17	C

Comments

The Child Care Learning Center did not receive the Final License and Permission to Operate on this date. The Final License and Permission to Operate will be granted upon completion of Consultant follow-up. No children were enrolled or present on the date of the visit. Six (6) of six (6) classrooms were measured by the Consultant during the visit, however, an approved total Licensed capacity was not issued due to the Center not receiving the Final License and Permission to Operate. The approved total Licensed capacity will be issued upon completion of Consultant follow-up and granting of Final License and Permission to Operate.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/29/2017

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decals.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://decals.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.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@decals.ga.gov



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with Center to monitor children and ensure direct Staff supervision with classroom equipment made of glass and mobile equipment with cords.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2017

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the Center Director/Administrator stated that the program will not participate in Swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed Swimming/water requirements with Center Director/Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Center Director/Administrator that prior to participating in Swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming/water activity Rules.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08 - On this date, Consultant discussed with Center to ensure that authorized release persons' relationship to parent and child are added to child enrollment forms.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

The Child Care Learning Center did not receive the Final License and Permission to Operate on this date. Six (6) of six (6) classrooms were measured by the Consultant during the visit, however, an approved total Licensed capacity was not issued due to the Center not receiving the Final License and Permission to Operate. The approved total Licensed capacity will be issued upon completion of Consultant follow-up and granting of Final License and Permission to Operate.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Met**

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

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 Consultant observation, that hazardous equipment was present as follows: Middle - rear Playground A - a tunnel was routed partially underground and posed obstruction of maintaining children in direct line of sight, exposed wood footing was present at the exit point of the slide, and bolts measuring greater than two (2) threads past the nut were present on the back of the music walls. Playground A and first - left Playground B - water equipment contained loose rocks and approximately eight (8) inches of standing water in the drainage area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant observed the Center to remove the standing water during the visit. The Center Director and Administrator also stated that the Center will cover the tunnel openings and maintain the tunnel as inaccessible to children. Further, the Center Director and Administrator stated that the Center will cut the bolts, cover the slide footings, remove the loose rocks and add a cover to the water equipment.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2018

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 excessive leaves and gravel were observed throughout the grounds of the first - left (1L) Toddler - Preschool Playground B and middle - rear - Preschool - School - Age Playground A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and Administrator stated that the Center will remove all gravel and leaves.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2018

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

No children were enrolled on the date of the visit. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with Center Director and Administrator.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

No children were enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed all field trip requirements with Center Director and Administrator on this date, regarding two (2) hour Transportation Training for Center Director and all Staff participating in any aspect of field trips, CPR - First - Aid, proper field trip documentation, regulations regarding walking field trips, checklists, name tags and parental permission forms.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

The Center Director and Administrator stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director and Administrator, all requirements needed in order to transport children. Consultant also stated to Center Director and Administrator that prior to providing Transportation, the Center is required to complete and maintain documentation of CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Center Director and all Center Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director and Administrator, that prior to providing Transportation, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

No children were enrolled on this date, and the Center did not receive the Final License and Permission to Operate. Upon receipt of License, the program will be Licensed to care for children age two - years through School - Age, and will not enroll Infants. Consultant observed a pleasant nap time environment, as well as the correct number and condition of mats. Consultant also discussed mat disinfecting requirements with Center Director and Administrator on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding three (3) of three (3) Center Employees. Consultant also discussed all COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Director/Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed Center Director and Lead staff education requirements to be met.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Consultant obtained signed and dated written Supervision Plans from the Center, prior to the visit. The Center did not receive the Final License and Permission to Operate on this date. Consultant will obtain additional and revised Supervision Plans regarding Playground and classroom equipment, upon completion of follow-up, prior to Licensing.

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Center Director and Administrator on this date.