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Date: 6/17/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-11124

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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.
06/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/09/2020	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/09/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
			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	Left Hall-1st left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Left Hall-1st right	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Left Hall-2nd left	Infants	3	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Left Hall-2nd right	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Right Hall-1st left	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	25	C	Outside
Main	Right Hall-1st right	Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	21	C	29	C	Art
Main	Right Hall-2nd left	Six Year Olds and Over	2	7	C	18	C	25	C	Art
Main	Right Hall-2nd right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 180					
Total # Children this Date: 59					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 180					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Grass Area	71	C
Main	Main Playground	53	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 17, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 18, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Cathy Stevick, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2020

Corrected on 6/17/2021

.03(9) - This citation was corrected during a virtual visit on June 18, 2021. The Director went over diapering procedures with all staff members.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on June 18, 2021.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5

Met

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

The bathrooms were observed to be clean and well maintained on a virtual walk through on June 18, 2021.

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

Licensed capacity was observed met during a virtual walk through on June 18, 2021.

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

No hazards were observed accessible to the children in care during a virtual walk through on June 18, 2021.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grass on the playground appeared to be well maintained. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2021**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2021**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met**

Comment

The kitchen appeared clean and well organized during a virtual walk through on June 17, 2021

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Procedures and sanitation regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****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****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tight fitting sheets, SIDS, and infant sleeping position were discussed with the Director on June 18, 2021.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 44****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2019	
Staff # 12	Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2005

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2004

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2003

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2003

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2001

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2003

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2017

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2020

Staff # 27 Met

 Date of Hire: 08/05/2012

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2021

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 03/22/2021

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2016

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2018

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 33 Met

Date of Hire: 09/14/2020

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2019

Staff # 35 Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2020

Staff # 36 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2020

Staff # 37 Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2019

Staff # 38 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2001

Staff # 39 Met

Date of Hire: 02/06/2019

Staff # 40 Met

Date of Hire: 11/23/2020

Staff # 41 Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2020

Staff # 42 Met

Records Reviewed: 44

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 08/01/2005

Staff # 43

Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2002

Staff # 44

Met

Date of Hire: 06/02/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 22

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nineteen files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2021