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**Date:** 10/22/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 2:10 PM

**Departure:** 3:45 PM

**CCLC-1126**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
10/22/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
09/26/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/28/2019	POI Follow Up	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	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	28	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	1R	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	3 R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	4 R	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Back Middle		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Cafe		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	20	C
Main	PG B	143	C
Main	PG C	42	C

**Comments**

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/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.

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#### 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Harry Patel, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.12(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the provider added items to the environment and will continue to add items. Please discuss with staff regarding maintaining materials in the classroom.

### Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the information was observed to be completed. Discuss with the provider regarding ensuring that all information on enrollment is completed and not applicable is indicated when it does not apply.

### Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the provider has secured the area of the fence and will be replacing/repairing over the weekend. Will send pictures to the consultant.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that new mulch was ordered and delivered. Discussed regarding ensuring that mulch is fluffed and redistributed daily.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the weeds were observed to be removed, the mulch was observed to be flushed against the mats and walkway and the holes wooden boarder were observed to be repaired and does not present a hazard. Discussed ensuring that staff reports when weeds are observed throughout the playground and mulch is needed along the walkway or any hazards on the playground.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 04/18/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the staff was observed to be electronically ported on September 26, 2019 and today.

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.14(2)-The correction deadline of October 26, 2019 has not yet passed. Provider stated that a class will be scheduled in November.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2019

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

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2019

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that staff has completed the Health and Safety Orientation training.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2019**

**Corrected on 10/22/2019**

**.33(4) - The previous citation is deferred as the correction deadline of October 26, 2019 has not yet passed. The new rule is .33(5).**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(6)-The correction deadline of October 26, 2019 has not yet passed. Please ensure that staff has taken training by this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2019**