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Date: 9/24/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

CCLC-112

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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.
09/24/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/24/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/24/2019	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
Gym	Gym-school age		0	0	C	109	C	NA	NA	
Gym	Room 9		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A-PreK	PreK	2	20	C	19	NC	NA	NA	Outside,Centers, Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	B-PreK	PreK	2	21	C	19	NC	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Circle Time,Centers
Main	C-Older Ones	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Outside,Transitioning,Floor Play
Main	D		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-Threes	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	F-Twos	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	G-Ones	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning,Outside

Main	H-Infants	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Diapering
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 96		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 264			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The center has a variance for 35 sq. ft. for pre-k classrooms A& B.

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/24/2019

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.decgal.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@decgal.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://decgal.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).

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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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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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that the center keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development in classroom C(Older Ones), and classroom G(One year old Classroom).

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met
Child # 9	Met
Child # 10	Met
Child # 11	Met
Child # 12	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on the consultant's review of daily arrival and departure records that the following were incomplete:

- * Classroom A(Pre-K -A)- Seventeen of twenty children were signed in.
- * Classroom B(Pre- K -B) Eleven of twenty- one were signed in.
- * Classroom E(Three- Year-Old Classroom) Eighteen of twenty-one were signed in.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019**Facility****591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure that floor coverings are tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable in that the tile in room G was not tight and smooth and the ABC rug was not cleanable.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.25(3) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment is 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. On this date the consultant observed a pink radio flyer missing the end caps on the handlebars on the tricycle.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that two children in classroom H did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required hand washing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2019**Corrected on 9/24/2019****.20(4) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.**

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(3) - Please ensure that the center is reviewing emergency plans every six months as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2019**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children in Pre-K Classroom- B, and Classroom G.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that four of six crib sheets in room C were not changed as needed in that three sheets were stained and one sheet was torn. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that four of six crib sheets in room H were not changed as needed in that two sheets were stained and two sheets were torn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space in classrooms: F, and G.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/30/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/05/2013	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/02/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/26/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2019

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.14(2) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.33(3) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.32(4)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

