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**Date:** 4/1/2019    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 3:45 PM

**CCLC-13048**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
04/01/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/31/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/09/2018	Licensing Study	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	
2	one room		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
I	A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
I	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
I	D	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
I	E		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA		
I	F		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
I	G		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 21		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
2	PG	7	C
I	PG	38	C

**Comments**

The consultant reviewed and discussed the Compliance and Determination worksheet on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/01/2019

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.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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Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.03 Activities****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed that the center is required to provide a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019**

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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that there was a shelf present in room B and D that was not secured to the wall posed a tipping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area..

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2019**

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

The 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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to review students files once per calendar year.

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)

Not Met

#### 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 hazards were present:

Room B --there was a spray bottle labeled bleach and water and plastic bags under the changing table posed a suffocation hazard to children

Room E--there were spray bottles that had cleaning solution present that were sitting on top of the cubbies and were accessible to children, there was a double shelf with an exposed screw on the front side of the shelf, there were hanging cords that hung from the television to the floor that created a strangulation hazard and there was a can of Glidden premium paint stored in an unlocked closet.

#### 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: 4/1/2019**

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that these hazards were present in these rooms:

Room E--there was a hole present in the wall on the far left wall near the window and there was an outlet plate that wasn't present and needed to be replaced in the bathroom.

Room G--there was a base board that was partly detached from the far right wall next to the sink.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation in Room D one outlet cover was not present, in Room E there were three outlet covers not present , and in Room G there were nine outlet covers that were not present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the owner that the center is required to 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.

**Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was not six inches of resilient surface present as required and the ground was exposed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. There was resilient surface present at the center and the owner stated that it would be placed on the playground on the date. Yellow caution tape was placed on the equipment that required resilient surface and will not be used by the children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director that thermometers are required in the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that Authorization for Medication form didn't have the prescription number present as required and the medication wasn't administered on the date provided by the parent.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019**

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed on this date.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/20/2009

Staff # 2

Met

**Records Reviewed: 8**

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

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Date of Hire: 02/02/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 12/08/2008

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2010

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2019

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018**

**Corrected on 4/1/2019**

The correction was observed on this date. Comprehensive records checks were present for all staff members.

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018**

**Corrected on 4/1/2019**

The correction was observed on this date. That all staff members had current criminal records checks.

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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**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.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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



**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision was observed by the consultant on this date.