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Date: 1/28/2020 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-13048

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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.
01/28/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/23/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/27/2019	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
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	2	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
I	B	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
I	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	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: 27			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 01/28/2020

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

Carl D. DICKERSON, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed the rules for cleaning and disinfecting toys and equipment as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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 Consultant observation that the closets were unlocked in the two-year-old classroom and the Preschool classroom and there was a teachers backpack, a can of Lysol and a spray bottle with cleaning solution present on the floor of the closets and were accessible to children. Further there were large rolls of bulletin board paper present in the Preschool classroom and the School Age Classroom and a fall hazard was posed.

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: 1/28/2020

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 the deck that children access the playground with had three center posts that had fallen off the deck and were present on the playground and had nails present. Further there were nails backed out of the two wooden play structures. Also the fence area that surrounded the gas meter had a broken cap with sharp edges present and the left side of the fence was no longer attached to the fence and the end cap wasn't covered and was sharp.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/23/2019****Corrected on 1/28/2020****The correction was observed on this date.**

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed washcloth handwashing be used only for infants when the infant was too heavy to hold or unable to stand safely and for children with special needs; further an individual washcloth could be used only once for each child before being laundered.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

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****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 requires that a light cover be available for each child's use on a cot or mat and shall be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on Consultant observation that children were not provided a light cover for nap time on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a light cover is available for each child and will meet the requirements for laundering.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2019****Corrected on 1/28/2020****The correction was observed on this date.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/27/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2009	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2019	
Staff # 7	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed the rules for First Aid and CPR and informed the Owner that all staff are required to obtain First Aid and CPR within the first 90 days of employment. The Consultant informed the Owner that an on-line only course is not an acceptable form of training.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020

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)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.