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Date: 5/22/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-1385

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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.
05/22/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
04/25/2019	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	
Main	Left Pre-K Wing-1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	24	C	37	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	Left Pre-K Wing-End of Hall	PreK	2	20	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	1L -Right Wing Infant/Toddler Side	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Music	
Main	2L- Right Wing-Infant Toddler Side	One Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play	
Main	3 L-Right Wing	One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	4L Right Wing	Infants	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	E- Front Room Upon Entrance	Three Year Olds	3	26	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Middle Hallway-Back Pre-K	PreK	4	36	C	39	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	Middle Rm b/f Dining Rm	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						
Total # Children this Date: 158					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Background Check Action Plan Notice was left with director for one employee waiting for out of state results.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/22/2019

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/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

Tracy Howell, Program Official Date

Twylah Tyner, Consultant Date

Rachael Brown, Consultant 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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

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

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this day.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Please monitor bathroom floors for damage.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2019

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 that, pepper spray was observed in an unlocked closet in the front room upon entrance. Additionally, it was observed that an unlocked storage cabinet in the Middle Hallway-Back Pre-K classroom contained disinfectant spray and wipes.

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: 5/22/2019

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation of the vehicle that, the floor in front of the first bench seat on vehicle tag number 34181 QB, had carpet that was rolled up, exposing deteriorating sub-flooring. Sub-flooring had holes that presented a hazard to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2010

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 10/09/2017	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 10/03/2017	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/08/2010	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 05/10/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/09/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/08/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/03/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/02/2010	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/26/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/05/2011	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/02/2016	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/24/2016	Met

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 17 Met
Date of Hire: 08/24/2015

Staff # 18 Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2017

Staff # 19 Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/2009

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19

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

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2018

Corrected on 5/22/2019

Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Director observed to have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

Technical Assistance

The center will ensure that employees with a satisfactory national fingerprint, waiting for out of state results, will submit out of state documentation to the department.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2019

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Corrected on 5/22/2019

Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Adequate supervision was observed on this date.