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Date: 12/11/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 6:40 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/11/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/11/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
08/28/2019	Complaint Closure	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	A 1st lft	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
Main	B 2nd LFT	One Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Art
Main	C 3RD lft	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D END	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	34	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	E-Rear Center	PreK	4	36	C	41	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	F Right Front	PreK	4	39	C	52	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	G	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	39	C	NA	NA	Snack, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 124						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Left-Side	38	C
Main	Playground B Center	82	C
Main	Playground C	120	C

Comments

Please be sure to review the rules and regulations for updates.

Reminder: The Health and Safety Orientation Training is counted only one time for an employee. The new 10 hour Health and Safety Orientation Training counts for new staff hired since 10-1-19.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/11/2019

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.decal.ga.gov/>
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 Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please remind staff to inform management immediately when furniture is torn and the foam is exposed.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

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

Met

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - Discussed regarding ensuring to remind parents who do not sign in or out at drop off and pick up to complete attendance daily.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed regarding ensuring that the vent are dusted regularly.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment 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. It was determined based on a review of records that the following hazards were observed on the equipment on the playground:

Playground B Center: The climbing structure's coating was observed to be chipping on both stairs at the bottom, at the top and on the sides exposing the metal which were beginning to rust.

Playground C: There were two chain links on the swings that were observed to be rusting.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will acquire Rustolium spray paint to reapply coating to the swing chain links. Regarding the climbing structure, the director will contact corporate on how to repair.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2019

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 observation that the mulch was not flushed with the concrete on the A Left Side playground near the doorway area to the classrooms and the shaded area. There were also nail heads which were not flushed on a picnic table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will contact corporate to get additional mulch and have the bus driver to check the mulch level near the concrete areas to prevent tripping hazards. The director will hammer nails in so that they are flushed with the wood.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Observed transportation, the appropriate vehicle checks were observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that a driver participating in transportation did not have current evidence of transportation. The certificate on file expired on November 2, 2018.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all drivers stay current on their required trainings.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that mats in the C 3rd Lft and D End classrooms were observed to be torn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will order new mats before the end of the year but will use tape temporarily until mats are delivered.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 10/02/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/18/2016	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 03/17/2014	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/01/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff number 2, 8 and 19 did not complete the Health and Safety Orientation Training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will documents hire dates to ensure that everyone meets the 90 days requirement for Health and Safety.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2020

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.