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**Date:** 7/25/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:15 AM    **Departure:** 1:10 PM

**CCLC-1762**

**ABC Child Care Center #1**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/25/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/19/2018	Licensing Study	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 the 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	1-Front room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	2- Back Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	18	C	Art
Main	3- Back Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4-upstairs PreK	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	25	C	20	NC	28	C	Transitioning,Ce nters
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78				
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	31	C
Main	Front	26	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/25/2019

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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Dedria Myers, Program Official

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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that in the back left classroom, that one of the hinges on the play stove door was broken. In addition, there was a hole in the middle of the red couch.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will repair the cited items.

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2019**

**Recited on 7/25/2019**

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

Met

#### Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that one of three files did not have a statement regarding known allergies documented.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2019**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**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 resilient. It was determined based on observation that there was not an adequate amount of resilient surface in the fall zones of the ladders and rock climbing wall. The equipment was over five feet high and the resilient surface in the fall zones measured one inch which six inches is required.

**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.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2019

**Food Service**

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**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - Discussed with the staff about checking the thermostat on the water heater to ensure there is warm running water at all sinks.

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

**Comment**

The staff stated that no medication has been dispensed since the last visit.

**Policies and Procedures**

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

**Comment**

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

**Comment**

The vehicle was clean and had an approved fire extinguisher and restraints.

**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(6)-The center has not started school transportation. The center will start school transportation on August 5,2019. This rule will be evaluated on the next visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2019

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have the required emergency medical information on the vehicle for all the children that were being transported to field trip on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center copied the emergency information from the children enrollment forms and put the information inside the vehicle. The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019**

**Recited on 7/25/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There are no infants enrolled. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2007	
Staff # 2	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2017	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 2 Hrs. (Abuse) Missing,.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 4 Hrs. Missing	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2000	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/25/2011	

**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.

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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****Not Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for the year 2018.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that three employees did complete the health and safety training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The staff is registered for a class on August 10, 2019. The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2019****Recited on 7/25/2019****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires all Staff who provide any direct care to children, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, to obtain ten (10) clock hours of training or instruction in child care issues from an accredited school or Department-approved source. At least six (6) of the clock hours must be divided as follows: four (4) clock hours of training in any of the following topics: disease control, cleanliness, basic hygiene, illness detection, illness disposition and childhood injury control and two (2) clock hours of training in identifying, reporting and meeting the needs of abused, neglected or deprived children. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members did not complete the required 6 hour of first year training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule training and follow up to ensure that direct care Staff complete the required hours of training in the required subjects.

**Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019****Recited on 7/25/2019**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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 observed on this date.