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Date: 2/26/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-1762

ABC Child Care Center #1

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/26/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/25/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	2- Back Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	18	C	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	3- Back Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	4-upstairs PreK	PreK	2	22	C	20	NC	28	C	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78					
Total # Children this Date: 54			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 02/26/2020

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/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.

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

Dedria Myers, 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)

Not Met

Comment

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

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 right classroom, that the plastic knob on the play stove was cracked with sharp plastic edges. In addition the the seam along the side of the blue sofa like chair was torn and the foam inside the chair was exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove the cited items

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020

Recited on 2/26/2020

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

Child # 4

Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2019

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.08(1) - The previous citation has been corrected.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Discussed keeping the large flower pots out of the children play spaces. Also discussed the and emailed resource to the center regarding the poisonous plant list. The center will ensure premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff the mulch that was observed to be compacted on left preschool/ Pre-k playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2019

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.26(8) - The previous citation has been corrected.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the 10 children in the back left classroom did not wash their hands before eating breakfast.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020

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

The staff stated the center has not dispensed any medication since the last regulatory visit.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.36 - Please monitor for tears in the seat cushions on the vehicle. The center will cover or replace any torn seats.

Comment

The consultant observed the staff to complete both checks of the vehicle as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have parental authorization for school transportation for 5 of 22 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020**Recited on 2/26/2020****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 six of the 22 children that are transported to and from school by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 2/26/2020**Recited on 2/26/2020****Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

There are no infants enrolled in this center. The children mats were stored as required.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 6	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2019

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected.

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 #2 and #7 did not complete the first year required training portion of the Health and safety training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff completed the six hour health and safety training but did not complete the additional hours for the first year requirement. The staff will take the new Health and Safety course that includes that first year requirement.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2020

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.33(4) - The previous citation will recited under the new rule number.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on the consultant's observation tht at 8:12 AM, in the back left classroom there was one teacher with 12 children which included five one-year-olds and seven two-year-olds. Based on the ages of the children, two teachers were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center moved children to other classrooms when additional staff arrived.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.