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**Date:** 5/9/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:40 AM

**CCLC-17743**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/09/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/03/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/10/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	Entry	One Year Olds	1	9	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside
Main	Left Back		0	0	C	7	C	10	C	
Main	Left Front		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 33				
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 33				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	170	C

**Comments**

The consultant and director discussed new staffing requirements, maintaing good repair, and ratios. The consultant emailed livescan instructions and USDA updates while on site.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/09/2019

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.decal.ga.gov/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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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).

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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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Patricia Andrews, 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-.03 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(13) - Please update daily schedules to fit your current enrollment needs.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(1) - Consultant and director discussed appropriate use of the kidney table in the Entry classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on an observation that the diaper changing station in the entry room was not securely bolted to the wall and was easily shaken.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019**

**Recited on 5/9/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 12/3/2018****Corrected on 5/9/2019****.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that both classrooms in use on the day of the visit met the licensed capacity.**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(17) - Please ensure vines growing through the lattice fencing surrounding the AC unit on the playground are removed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on an observation that the consultant observed the following things needed repair through the center:

- the sink in the entry room was not connected to the cabinet and was easily shaken.
- the entrance door with the wheelchair ramp was cluttered with several mops, old toys, and extra flooring materials.
- the light in the restroom of the Right room was not working and the floor vent had a three inch hole.
- several rusted floor vents throughout the center

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019****Recited on 5/9/2019**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 an observation that the playhouse with the green roof had a large interior crack that exposed sharp edges. It was further determined, that two of three swing chains had cracked plastic coverings with sharp edges.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please remember cleaning tools such as brooms, mops, etc. should be inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(1) - The consultant and director discussed USDA guidelines.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Met****Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.18(2) makes the following requirements for the food preparation areas: 1) Center must have a designated space that is separate from rooms used by children; 2) food preparation area is not also used for diaper-changing; 3) area is kept clean and free of accumulated dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits; 4) ventilation is provided either by mechanical or natural means; 5) food preparation surfaces are nonporous with no unsealed cracks or seams; and 6) kitchen lights are shielded.

591-1-1-.18(2) requires the Center to have a designated space for food preparation separate from rooms used by children and in an area not used for diaper changing. The area shall be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Food preparation surface areas shall be nonporous with no unsealed cracks or seams. It was determined based on an observation that the area behind the sink was not sealed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: Ensure that safety and sanitation standards for the food preparation area are met, the center will ensure all areas are sealed.

The Center will ensure that a separate food preparation area is provided that meets the requirements. If needed, the area will be cleaned and cracks and seams will be sealed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019**

**Recited on 5/9/2019**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(11) - Please ensure soiled diapers are properly disposed of immediately after diapering.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff stated the center does not currently does not dispense or administer medication.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on an observation that a bottle of Children's Motrin was accessible to children in a child's book bag in the Entry classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019

## Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Technical Assistance

### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - Please ensure the current week's menu is posted at the entrance of the center for parents.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019

## Safety

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

Met

### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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

N/A

### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure all cribs have a tight fitting sheet before infants are present.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 03/13/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 03/13/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/13/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2019

Corrected on 5/9/2019

.14(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed 100% of staff to have current First Aid and CPR training.

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591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2018

Corrected on 5/9/2019

.24(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed all staff to have individual personnel files available for review.

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591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 5/9/2019

.33(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed 100% of staff to have ten hours of annual training for 2018.

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591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(11) requires the Center to have qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children. It was determined based on an observation that there were not enough staff present to maintain compliance without neglecting the supervision of children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that an adequate number of qualified employees is available to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2019

Recited on 5/9/2019

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on an observation that the Entry classroom had a ratio of 1:9 when a ratio of 2:9 was required when the helper continuously exited and entered the classroom to prepare lunch.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure children do not wander independently from room to room.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2019**