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Date: 6/8/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-1921

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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.
06/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/19/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/10/2020	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	1 board		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	142		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	145		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	147	Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	149	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	175-3-5yrs	Four Year Olds	2	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Music
Main	176-16-21 yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	179-13-15yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	180-10-12yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	183-6-9yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	184-3-5yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	187-3-5yr		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	191-2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	192-3-4yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	195-1-2yrs		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	196-6-12mth	Infants	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 31

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-0-3 yrs	38	C
Main	After School Playground	105	C
Main	B-4-17yrs	92	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 16, 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 8, 2021, with the staff person in charge. An in-person visit was not conducted due to Covid-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021, was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

- 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).

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:

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

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

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that the new infant feeding plan is now required and that parents should have discussed with the child's pediatrician foods that are developmentally appropriate and all have agreed that it is developmentally appropriate. There is no required written piece needed from the doctor. The parent must acknowledge and sign off on the new form that they have discussed with the pediatrician and it is deemed appropriate. The new infant feeding plan with shared with program on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2021

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director the new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish and bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures during the virtual visit that was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed during the virtual visit that was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 34

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2024 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/1991

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2017

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2016

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2018	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 11/20/2017	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/2020	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 06/13/2018	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2020	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2018	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 10/16/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2018	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2002	
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2020	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2012	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 03/27/2017	
Staff # 26	Met

Records Reviewed: 34

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 01/26/2004

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 05/27/2008

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2016

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2017

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2003

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2012

Staff # 33 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2003

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.