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Date: 8/2/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 4:55 PM

CCLC-1960

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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.
08/02/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/02/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/18/2019	POI Follow Up	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
Front Bldg	Room A-Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	4	51	C	56	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Middle Bldg	Room B-Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Middle Bldg	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Rear Bldg	Room D		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Rear Bldg	Room E		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Rear Bldg	Room F		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 79		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

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.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@dec.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://dec.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.dec.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@dec.ga.gov

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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)**Met****Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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. Please check for physical plant issues- i,e peeling paint on the right side of the infant classroom near the cribs.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2019

Corrected on 8/2/2019

.13(1) - Previous cite corrected. Parent signatures were observed to be complete on the field trip checklists observed from July 24, 2019 to the library.

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

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based observation that the center used the Chief Executive Officer's personal vehicle during a field trip conducted on July 24, 2019. The vehicle did not have an inspection.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)2. requires that no vehicle shall exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity and that proof of the seating capacity is maintained on file. It was determined based on the observation of a field trip checklist to library on July 24, 2019 the center exceeded the vehicle seating capacity in the white van when 14 children were transported in a vehicle that had 13 available seat belts. Based on a staff statement two of the children were buckled into one seat belt.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The manufacturer's rated seating capacity will not be exceeded and a copy of the manufacturer's seating capacity will be maintained on file at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - It was determined based on observation that the loading and unloading of six children were not accounted for on a field trip conducted on July 24, 2019. Based on the observation of attendance the children were not present. Please use "A" for absent.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. - Please ensure each time a child is loaded and unloaded from a vehicle a time is noted. In observing field trip documentation from July 24, 2019, it was determined the load and unload times for return to the center were missing on one of three checklists observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that crib mattresses were torn and covered with electrical tape at the corners leaving the mattresses not waterproof and washable.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least and with tear or holes.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met

Staff # 15

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit. It was discussed that student volunteers under 17 years of age required proof of fingerprinting. Information was provided to contact the Criminal Records Department.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019

Corrected on 8/2/2019

.32(2) - Previous cite corrected. Age appropriate ratio observed this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.