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Date: 4/30/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/30/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/24/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/09/2018	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 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	Classroom 1	PreK-4-5 Yrs.	2	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Classroom 2	PreK-4-5 Yrs.	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Classroom 3	Pre K 4-5 Yrs.)	0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom 4	Pre K 4-5 Yrs.)	0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom 5	PreK-4-5 Yrs)	0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom 6	PreK-4-5 Years)	0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1 & 2	Infants	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Room 10		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 11		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 3 & 4		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 5		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 6 & 7	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 8	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 9	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 87

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	38	C
Main	PreK Playground	63	C
Main	Toddler Playground	14	C

Comments

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.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

Betty Jones, 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)

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

The director stated that the 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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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 stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - The consultant discussed updating the emergency plan with the director.

Safety

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

Comment

The director stated that the center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed.

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

The director stated that the center has not participated in a field trip since their last visit on October 24, 2018.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/25/2018****Corrected on 4/30/2019****.36(7)(d)1. - The consultant observed first check signatures on current transportation documents.****Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018****Corrected on 4/30/2019****.36(7)(d)2. - The consultant observed a second check signature on current transportation forms.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment was observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2015	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2008	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2008	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/09/2018	
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/29/2015

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2015

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 09/04/2018

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2015

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2017

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2015

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2005

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/1999

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 10/22/2015

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2018

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2009

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018****Corrected on 4/30/2019****.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) -The consultant discussed ensuring that the director electronically ports the most current satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter in KOALA before an employee begins duties at the center.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2019

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

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

Finding

591-1-1-.33(6) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that five of six files reviewed did not have evidence of the ten annual clock hours of required training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2020

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.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.