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Date: 11/5/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-23914

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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.
11/05/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/28/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/02/2019	Complaint Closure	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	A 1L	Infants	1	3	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Free Play
Main	B 2L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C 3L	One Year Olds	9	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	
Main	D 1R	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E 2R	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F 3R	PreK	2	22	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G 4R	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H 5R	PreK	4	43	C	35	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 234						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 124			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 234			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	22	C
Main	Playground B	89	C
Main	Playground C	77	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study and to follow up on the previous visit conducted May 28, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/05/2019

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.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.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

Tammy Hart, 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) **Met**

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.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure the garden hose on the Playground B is kept out of the reach of children after each use.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that resilient surface beneath equipment and fall zones is fluffed and re-distributed once the ground dries from recent rains.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that exposed edges of concrete were present along the sidewalks adjacent to the building on playgrounds A, B and C. Further, unmarked tree roots were observed on Playground B, posing a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019

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 stated proper hand washing.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(1) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure specific written authorization from the child's parent is obtained to include corrected or updated prescription numbers.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Consultant observed transportation for after school transportation routes.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure the tag number is corrected on the vehicle inspection report dated June 2, 2019 for the bus with tag number PYS8694.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not document in writing, with a mark/ symbol to account for one child on the passenger transportation checklist when the child exited the vehicle during afternoon transportation from Sawnee Elementary School of November 1, 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/30/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2007	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/14/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	

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Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/21/2000	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/15/2016	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/23/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/20/2014	Met

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.

Comment

Director provided ten files for employees hired since last visit.

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.