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Date: 8/25/2021 **VisitType:** Follow-Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-246

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/25/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
05/18/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/29/2020	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	3's-1R	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Infant- Middle Rear	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Middle Front-Part of 3's Room	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Pre-K 1-1L		0	0	C	48	C	NA	NA	
Main	Pre-K 2-2L		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	
Main	School Age-2R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Tiny Tots-Back Right-3R	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 29						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	infant/toddler	18	C
Main	Older children	66	C

Comments

The investigation and follow up visit was conducted virtually and by phone due to COVID-19.

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/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.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

Shae Stamey, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that during the visit, all classrooms were observed to be within their licensed capacity.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.26(9) - Correction of the previous citation in that no hazards were observed on the playgrounds on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.21(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed documentation, indicating fire drills have been recently completed.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that documentation of transportation was complete.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/20/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/1999	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/25/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2018	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 11/27/2018	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 03/06/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 02/07/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/02/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/12/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.09(1)(j) - Correction of previous citation in that consultant observed all staff members to have satisfactory background checks ported to the center.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.14(2) - Correction of previous citation in that consultant observed staff hired more than 90 days ago to have completed required CPR and First aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.33(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed evidence of the Director and cook to have completed the required nutrition training.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021

.32(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that appropriate ratios were observed during the visit.