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Date: 3/5/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:25 PM **Departure:** 5:25 PM

CCLC-2636

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/05/2019	Complaint Closure	Support	
03/05/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
02/28/2019	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
bld2-rm H	Pre-K/ school age	Six Year Olds and Over	2	37	C	40	C	56	C	TV,Art,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Main	Cafeteria	Six Year Olds and Over	1	23	C	16	NC	23	C	Snack,Centers
Main	Room A - 2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.)	Three Year Olds	2	30	C	30	C	42	C	Outside
Main	Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.)	Infants	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,Floor Play
Main	Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway)	One Year Olds	2	14	C	13	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Total # Children this Date: 146			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	67	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a complaint visit and a follow up for any previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted

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/RuleAndRegulations.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

Jazmine Newsome, Program Official

Date

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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that in classroom G there were fourteen (14) children present in a classroom that had a licensed capacity of thirteen children (13).

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019

Corrected on 3/5/2019

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Safety

Finding

591-1-1-.36(10) requires that a child never be left unattended in a vehicle. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that during the first drop off at the center the van driver exited the van to go and unlock the back door to allow children to enter the building. There were six children left unattended on the Ford Van, tag number PBY4799, while the driver was unlocking the back door of the day care center

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(13) requires that the motor be turned off, the brake set and the keys removed whenever the driver leaves the vehicle. It was determined based on the consultant's observation and the driver's statement that when the driver exited the Ford Van, tag number PBY4799, to open the back door of the day care center for children to enter the building the vehicle was left running with six children on board the vehicle.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

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Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Corrected on 3/5/2019

.36(3)(a-b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All drivers had the required transportation training.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 3/5/2019

.36(4)(f)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected during the visit on March 5, 2019. The children on the four vehicles used for transportation on March 5, 2019 were observed to be properly restrained in seat belts.

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 a review of transportation records that on March 4 2019 there was no mark documenting that children had unloaded. Additionally, on the S.L. Mason transportation checklist that is not dated there was no mark documenting that children had unloaded on March 4, 2019.

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Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of transportation records that on the S.L. Mason checklist for the week of March 4 - 8, 2019 the depart and return time was not documented for Monday, March 4, 2019. Additionally, on the second transportation checklist for S.L. mason that is not dated the depart and return times are not documented for March 4, 2019 and March 5, 2019.

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Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on consultant's observation that during the first transportation drop-off for the day care center of the Ford Van, tag number PBY4799 and the Bus, tag number PB1255, no first check was conducted immediately upon unloading of the last child for either vehicle.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Recited on 3/5/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on consultant's observation that during the first transportation drop-off for the day care center of the Ford Van, tag number PBY4799 and the Bus, tag number PB1255, no second check of either vehicle was conducted.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Recited on 3/5/2019

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019

Corrected on 3/5/2019

.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The employees have satisfactory record check letters for the current center.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(3)- This citation was deferred to allow the staff a full week to complete the required Health and Safety Training.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019

Defer

591-1-1-.33(6)- This citation is defer until the next regulatory visit. The center has already had the two regulatory visits for the fiscal year. The annual training for 2018 has already been reviewed.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2018

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined, based on consultant's observation, that during routine afternoon transportation on March 5, 2019, the consultant observed school age children to be without adult supervision upon their entry to the facility. Upon the consultant's arrival two vehicles were observed to drop children off at the backdoor of the facility. One group of six children remained on the vehicle with tag number PBY4799, while ten children were unloaded from the vehicle with tag number PB1255, and walked to the back door where the driver of the vehicle with tag number PBY4799 unlocked the door and the children entered the facility. After unlocking the door the staff member returned to their vehicle. The consultant entered the front door of the facility where the group of six children from vehicle tag number PBY4799 were observed to be walking down the hallway and to the lunchroom, without adult supervision. Both the drivers of the vehicles were observed to leave and continue routine afternoon transportation. The consultant observed a third vehicle to drop children off at the backdoor of the facility and that group of children was also observed to walk from the backdoor, down a hallway, to the lunchroom without adult supervision.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019