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Date: 9/25/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 1:25 PM

CCLC-27438

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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.
09/25/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/02/2017	Licensing Study	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-1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time, Centers
Main	B-2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers, Breakfast
Main	C-3	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main	D-4	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main	E-5	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	F-6	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	G-7	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Centers, Transitioning
Main	H-8	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	I-9	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Centers, Transitioning

Main	J-10	PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters,Breakfast
Main	K-11	PreK	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Breakfas t,Transitioning
Main	L-12	PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Breakfast,C enters,Transitioni ng
Main	M-13	PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Circle Time,Transitionin g,Centers
Main	N-14	Infants	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap,Fl oor Play,Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 238

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 163

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ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD A	118	C
Main	PGD B	261	C
Main	PGD C	26	C

Comments

The center director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit.

The center does not participate in transportation, medications, and field trips at this time.

The consultant and director discussed the upcoming background check requirements that will be effective October 1, 2018.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/25/2018

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(ii)(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.al.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.al.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.al.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.al.ga.gov

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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that all equipment and furniture is free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. On this date the consultant observed furniture in rooms 1,3,and 9 that had tears on the furniture with exposed foam accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2018

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

Met

Comment

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****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2018****Corrected on 9/25/2018****.06(4) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.**

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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2018**Corrected on 9/25/2018****.25(13) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/26/2018****Corrected on 9/25/2018****.25(8) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date.**

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a five inch gap located on the front left side of the front playground. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a four inch gap located on the front playground across from the blue and red climbing structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2018

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state 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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.