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Date: 12/14/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

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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.
12/14/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/19/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	Support	
05/10/2018	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 53					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	13	C
Main	Plgd-B	111	C
Main	Plgd-C	222	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study. The center provides transportation.

This is the first visit of the fiscal year.

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://www.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

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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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the lesson plan posted in the infant classroom was dated December 3-7, 2018 and the lesson plan posted in the one-year-old classroom was dated November 26-30, 2018 and were not current as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	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 observed to be met by center on this date.

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)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The director stated that she would develop a plan to fix the fencing where it has come unsecured at the bottom.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that on the three and four-year-old playground there were the following hazards: a one by one-inch hole on the inside of the tan window seal beside the purple slide,, on the bottom of the purple slide a two-inch crack , and the pink steps leading up to the platform were cracked posing a hazard to the children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 12/24/2018**Food Service**

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

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Discussed with the director about storing brooms and dust pans away from food storage.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

591-1-1-.20(3) - The consultant discussed with the director about monitoring medication authorization forms to ensure documentation or a notation is made when children are absent.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.21(3) The fire and emergency drill logs were complete and well organized. The consultant gave the director and updated emergency drill log to include the lock down drill.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2018

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on the consultants observation that five out of ten cribs had sheets that were not tight-fitting. Additionally, staff stated that crib sheets are only changed twice a week instead of daily as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring that each child's bedding is kept separate.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2018	

Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2017	

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2014	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2018	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2016	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2017	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2017	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2009	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine files for employees hired since last visit. All were complete.

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**Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2018

Corrected on 12/14/2018

.33(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had their required training.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.