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Date: 5/16/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-28246

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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.
05/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/14/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/19/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	Support	
			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	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
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: 57

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

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 monitoring visit.

The center does not provide swimming activities.

The center is currently working with the quality rated program.

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

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.al.ga.gov/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.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.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

Sarah Eidson, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Corrected on 5/16/2019

.03(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Every classroom had a current lesson plan posted.

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.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 four-inch gap in the fencing and a six-inch gap in the fencing across from the basketball court on the after school children's playground.

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: 5/24/2019

Correction Deadline: 12/24/2018

Corrected on 5/16/2019

.26(6) - This citation was corrected on this date. The large structure with the purple slide was removed from the playground.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant spoke with the director about monitoring the playground for ant beds.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The director stated that no medications have been administered since the last visit.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

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 records that on May 16, 2019, the driver or other designated person did not document in writing, with a check mark to account for two children that exited the vehicle at KB Sutton Elementary School. Additionally, the driver or other designated person did not document in writing, with a check mark to account for three children that exited the vehicle at Hubbard Elementary school. Furthermore, the driver or other designated staff person did not 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 on May 16, 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: 5/17/2019

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 records that no return time to the facility was documented on May 10, 2019 for the afternoon trip from KB Sutton Elementary School and from Hubbard Elementary School. Furthermore, no return time to the facility was documented on April 19, 2019 for the morning route from Hubbard Elementary School. Additionally, no return time to the facility was documented on April 12, 2019 for the afternoon route from Hubbard Elementary School.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Corrected on 5/16/2019

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was corrected on this date. All cribs had a tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/05/2019

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2014	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2018	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2016	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2017	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2017	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2009	

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 17**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) - An employee was present with a satisfactory national records check determination. The consultant assisted the director with giving the comprehensive authorization in the center's Decal Koala. The employee was being supervised by someone with a comprehensive satisfactory records check and the center will continue to ensure the employee is supervised until they receive a satisfactory comprehensive records check determination for the employee.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019**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.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.