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Date: 9/16/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 12:55 PM

CCLC-28747

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/04/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/27/2018	Complaint 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	PreK back	PreK	2	18	C	15	NC	21	C	Transitioning, Story
Main	Pre-K front	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	30	C	Circle Time
Main	RM 1:1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	22	C	Story
Main	RM 2: 2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	RM 3	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Story
Main	RM 4: Infant	One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 6	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	20	C	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131

Total # Children this Date: 75

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD 1-Right	97	C
Main	PGD 2-Middle	30	C
Main	PGD 3-Left	133	C

Comments

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.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

Andrew Lipski, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Corrected on 9/16/2019

.12(1) - The previous citation has been corrected.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Corrected on 9/16/2019

.25(3) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center has repaired the cited items.

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

Not Met

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 observation that one of the seesaws on the Pre-K playground was missing three bolts and was no longer secure.

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Correction Deadline: 9/18/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on the Pre- K playground there was not an adequate amount of mulch resilient surface in the fall zones of the monkey bars, rock climbing equipment and slide. The mulch measured between one and two inches in depth when six inches were required.

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Correction Deadline: 9/27/2019

Recited on 9/16/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Corrected on 9/16/2019

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Proper handwashing was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing on three forms were observed to be complete.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. The vehicles were clean and proper restraints observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/15/2008	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2010	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2010	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2010	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/03/2005	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 04/08/2019

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2019

Corrected on 9/16/2019

.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected

Defer

591-1-1-.33(6)-Annual training for the year 2018 was evaluated on March 4, 2019. Annual training for the year 2019 will be evaluated during the next visit in 2020.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Corrected on 9/16/2019

.31(2)(c) - The previous citation has been corrected The center the required lead teachers.

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.