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Date: 3/9/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-29631

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/09/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/28/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 2	Room 1 - 1L Front	PreK	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	Room 2 - 1L Back	PreK	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	Room 3 - 2L Back		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	Room 4 - 2L Front		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	Room 5 - 1R	PreK	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 254							
Main	A 1R	Infants	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B 2R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 3R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E 1L	Two Year Olds	3	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F 2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	29	C	Nap
Main	G 4L	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	29	C	41	C	Nap
Main	Gym		0	0	C	24	C	33	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 254							


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A infant	71	C
Main	PG B	146	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on March 5, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 9, 2021 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.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(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

Janet Kim, Program Official

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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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

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.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.)
- Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
- Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.
- Fluff and redistribute resilient surface as needed.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of one (1) years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2021**Comment**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision as of October 1, 2020, which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2021

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****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff and children during virtual visit.

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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have a current vehicle inspection report on file:

- Vehicle Tag # - AGQ0523 - Expires April 4, 2021.
- Vehicle Tag # - P2I 4674 - Expires September 3, 2021.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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 stated proper safe sleep policy and procedure during virtual visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(c) requires that pillows shall not be used by children under two (2) years of age. When used for children two (2) years of age or older, pillows shall be assigned for individual use and covered with pillow cases that are marked for individual use or covered with cases that are laundered daily. Pillow cases that are marked for individual use shall be laundered weekly or more frequently as needed. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child in classroom 3R was asleep with a pillow.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will: remove pillows from any children under two (2) years of age; assign pillows for individual and use pillow cases; mark each pillow case or launder them daily; and launder individually marked pillow cases at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2015	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/05/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/26/2012	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/11/2010	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2011	
Staff # 7	Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2013

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2020

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2020

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2013

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 04/15/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 22 Met

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2019

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 09/10/2020

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2017

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2014

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2020

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 10/05/2020

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2019

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2014

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

The director provided four files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on September 28, 2020. The consultant observed four of four newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

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.

Comment

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision as of October 1, 2020, which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2021