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Date: 11/5/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-31859

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/05/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/24/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A-1L 6 wks-18mnths		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-1R 18-23 mnths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-2L 3-12 years		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-2R 3-6 years		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs 1L	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Upstairs 1R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs 2L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Back	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Homework
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-6 wks-2 years	22	C
Main	Playground B- 3-12 years	26	C
Main	Playground C- Back	43	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 5, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 17, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection. The new infant feeding plan was shared with the provider on this date.

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.decal.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@decal.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://decal.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

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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)

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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: 2

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing	
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing	
Child # 5	Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that one of five children's files reviewed did not contain the physician's phone number and two of five children's files reviewed did not contain the addresses for the persons to contact in case of an emergency.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2020

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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The physical plant appeared to be clean and in good repair upon virtual walk through.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Playground appeared to be clean and in good repair upon virtual walk through.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kitchen appeared to be clean and well organized. Meal service was stated to take place in classrooms rather than in a congregated or communal setting.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for children and staff were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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 Provider 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sleeping and Resting was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper sleeping and resting were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/29/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 01/17/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/21/2019

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/21/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/30/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/04/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/04/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/01/2008 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing	Not Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/01/2008	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/02/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff person # 9, the center's director, had not satisfactorily obtained certification in CPR as it was obtained through an online source.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2020

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

591-1-1-.31(13) - 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 August 15, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2020

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.