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Date: 5/28/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
05/28/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/25/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/28/2019	Licensing Study	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, right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	B, middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
Main	C, left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	21	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 1, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/28/2020

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.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

Felshica Gadson-Fagins, Program Official

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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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing of toys and equipment due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on June 24, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2019

Corrected on 5/28/2020

.12(2) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center has removed the broken play sink.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4

Met

Child # 5

Met

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08 - Ensure parent(s) work address is documented on all forms.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - Ensure all children are signed out daily and the time noted on forms.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2020**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. No hazards were observed accessible to the children during the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020. The center will be mindful to keep items that may pose a hazard inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2019**Corrected on 5/28/2020****.25(3) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center has made the repairs in the bathroom.****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Defer****Correction Deadline: 12/5/2019****Corrected on 5/28/2020****.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The fence was observed to be repaired during the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020.****Defer**

591-1-1-.26(7)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant was unable to determine if the slide was properly anchored during the virtual visit. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will make the slide inaccessible to the children until the slide is properly anchored. The Center will repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2019**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. The kitchen appeared clean and organized during the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020..

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020, diapering areas were observed to be in good condition. Discussed diapering procedures with the staff.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020, handwashing supplies were observed at all sinks. Discussed hand washing requirements with the director.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****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. The center's discipline policy and practices were discussed with the director and staff.

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

Due to COVID-19 the 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. During the virtual walk through visit, the children cots and bedding were stored as required. Discussed safe sleep requirements with the director.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2002

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/25/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/11/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please replace protective eye wear in the first aid kit.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Corrected on 5/28/2020

.14(3) - The previous citation has been corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/25/2019

Corrected on 5/28/2020

.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected. Observed documentation that all staff has completed the health and safety training.

Finding

Previously Cited: Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.33(6) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff member completed 4 of the required ten hours of training for the year 2018.

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #1 did not complete the required 10 hours of annual training for the year 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Staff #1 has completed the required 10 hours of training for the year 2020. The director will ensure all staff has completed the required ten hours of training by December 31 2020.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

Recited on 5/28/2020

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

Not Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on June 24, 2020. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I)-(VIII) requires the Center develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's who do not possess the educational credential or degree listed in 591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.(i) through (xii). It was determined based on review of files that the center did not have a plan on file for two teachers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure the staff enrolls in a program. The center will develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's and ensure that the teacher's follow the plan.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2020

Recited on 5/28/2020

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate ratios were observed during the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2019

Corrected on 5/28/2020

.32(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during the virtual visit on June 24, 2020.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision was observed during the virtual walk through on June 24, 2020.