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Date: 5/17/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-32822

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/01/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/19/2018	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	Room A - 1s	One Year Olds	2	11	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - 1s	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E	Infants and One Year Olds	3	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Story, Nap
Main	Room F	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	34	C	47	C	Circle Time
Main	Room G	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	23	C	Nap
Main	Room H	PreK	2	20	C	23	C	32	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 160				
Total # Children this Date: 96			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 160				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	31	C
Main	Playground B	25	C
Main	Playground C	61	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. The center provides before and after school transportation and after school transportation was observed during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/17/2019

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/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.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

Chanita Irvin, 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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed an infant swing in classroom E to have a torn seat cover with the inside exposed and in classroom F there was a red and blue couch by the teacher's desk that was split at the back seam and had exposed foam. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing, removing, or replacing the damaged equipment.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - The consultant observed play rugs in classroom A and C that had wrinkles and posed a potential tripping hazard to children in care. The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring all flooring including play rugs are smooth.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom A under the children's handwashing sink the cabinet was not locked and a spray bottle with cleaning solution of soap and water was accessible to children in care. Additionally, in classroom B and classroom G brooms and dust pans were in the classroom and accessible to children in care and in classroom H a stapler and two Zacadoos drinks were accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom H there was an outlet strip next to the plastic drawers that had four exposed outlets that were accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2018

Corrected on 5/17/2019

.26(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No screws were observed to be missing on the bridge part of the playground equipment.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed the top part of the gray rock wall not to be secured. The director had the rock wall removed during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2019

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1) - The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring each child has a cover sheet for their rest cot and a blanket to cover themselves with or a blanket big enough to act as both a cot cover and a blanket.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that in classroom G children on rest cots were not spaced a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Additionally, children were not placed on cots so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 30****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/19/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2003	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2016	
Staff # 6	Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2016

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2011

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/1999

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2016

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2018

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/16/2016

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2018

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2016

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2017

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2016

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2017

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 03/05/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2017

Records Reviewed: 30

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 03/04/2016	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 05/15/2019	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/01/2003	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 02/12/2019	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/24/2015	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 02/01/2014	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 01/10/2011	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 30

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.