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Date: 12/12/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-3329

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/10/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
06/10/2019	Complaint Closure	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	1R		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	3R Back	Three Year Olds	2	2	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R front	One Year Olds	1	2	C	32	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4R Back		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R Front		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Main	5R left side		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	5R right side		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 4		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - A	44	C
Main	Playground - B	152	C
Main	Playground - C	8	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/12/2019

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.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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

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

Corbin Williams, Program Official Date

Quintayna Collins, Consultant 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**

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

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.

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

Comment
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

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

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
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 12/05/2019

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/1997

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2017

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/1997

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2018

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2002

Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Records Reviewed: 18 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2019

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2018

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2008

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 03/11/2016

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2016

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/2017

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2018

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 11/05/2019

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 04/02/2018

Staff # 17 Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2016

Staff # 18 Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2019

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-.14 First Aid & CPR **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.14(2) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure staff members have CPR/first aid training within the first 90 days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2020

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
Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.