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Date: 9/24/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:20 AM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/24/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/18/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/07/2019	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		
1	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Diapering		
1	B		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA			
1	C	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			42		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
2	D		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA			
2	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			28		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date:			22		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	Playground A	30	C
1	Playground B	37	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center provides after school transportation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/24/2019

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).

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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

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.03(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and up to date.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed one infant seat in the infant classroom to have a ripped cover. The consultant discussed repairing, replacing, or removing the infant seat with the director.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.08(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children files that were previously missing information have been updated.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children in each room were signed in and accounted for.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All classrooms had the appropriate number of children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were on the playgrounds and accessible to children in care.

- On the front playground the white Little Tikes playhouse with the blue roof had broken plastic under the window that posed a pinching or scratching hazard.
- On the front playground the purple lid to the half sphere toy was cracked at the handle that posed a pinching or scratching hazard.
- On the front playground the yellow metal jeep was rusted and had chipping paint.
- On the front playground the four person see saw had one of the four springs broken and was rusted.
- On the back playground one of the two sit on zebra toys was missing a bottom panel.
- On the back playground the blue sit in merry-go-round was broken and tilted to one side.
- On the back playground the red, blue, and green metal train was rusted and had chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

Recited on 9/24/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that on the back playground there was a board at the back of the playground at the bottom of the fence that had four exposed screws, a piece of white lattice by the back of Building 2 that had one exposed screw, and rotten wood on the side of Building 2 that was accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.21(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Fire and Safety drills were observed to be documented and up to date.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on a review of records that on the week of September 16 - 20, 2019 on the afternoon transportation checklist for Satilla School twelve children were listed on the transportation list and eleven children were transported on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday on the vehicle tag number PSU4547 that has ten (10) passenger seat belts in the back and a front passenger seat. One of the school age children had to be transported in the front passenger seat of the van or if they rode in the back then they did not have a seat belt. According to Georgia code 40-8-76 Child Restraint Requirements and 40-8-76.1 Seat Belts all children under the age of 13 must ride in the backseat. Additionally, on the weeks of September 9-13, 2019 and September 3 - 7, 2019 eleven children were transported in the vehicle tag number PSU4547 resulting in a child riding in the front passenger seat or not having a seat belt in the back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that three of nine records reviewed did not have written parental authorization for routine transportation by the center as required. Additionally, one of nine records did not have the parent's signature on the written transportation authorization.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that three of nine emergency medical information forms were missing the child's doctor's phone number, five of nine emergency medical information forms were missing the child's allergies, medications, and special needs and conditions, and nine of nine records were missing the medical facility used by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant observed two crib mattresses that were not in use to have multiple rips and tears in the vinyl covering preventing the mattresses from being waterproof and washable as required. Seven cribs were observed and only two infants were present. The consultant discussed with the director about replacing the crib mattresses before those cribs were occupied by infants.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring crib sheets are changed daily at a minimum and more often if needed. Per an employee's statement the crib sheets were only changed every other day.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.30(1)(b)1 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center is no longer using the fold up mat and are now using the rest cots.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based observation that the cots used for nap in the one-year-old, two-year-old, and three and up classrooms were stored in the classrooms but were not covered as required and were accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others. The consultant discussed with the director about using a vinyl grill cover to go over the cots while they are not in use.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019

Recited on 9/24/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2009	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2009	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2009	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2009	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2016	

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.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.24(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All employee's had a file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Defer**

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All employees had the required health and safety training.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(6)- This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit. The annual training for calendar year 2018 was reviewed during the regulatory visit on June 18, 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019

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.