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**Date:** 8/20/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 12:30 PM    **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-37485**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/20/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/14/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/05/2020	Licensing Study	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-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-1st Right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-Second Floor	PreK	1	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	TV
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	24	C
Main	Plgd-B	88	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 20, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 20, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/20/2021

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Tameka Taylor, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children as required. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child’s primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. Please ensure these forms continue to be used. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

Program was observed to have completed emergency drills on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time per the director. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time per the director. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/30/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/2014	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2014	

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit which was completed on January 14, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.