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Date: 8/13/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-38329

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
08/13/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/20/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/23/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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-Afterschool	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time		
Main	B-2/3 half day	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play		
Main	C-1K	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play		
Main	D-Crawlers	Infants	2	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Centers		
Main	E-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch,Floor Play,Nap		
Main	F-4K	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside		
Main	G-2K	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers,Nap,Lunch		
Main	H-3K	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time,Nap		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			104	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date:			54	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			104	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant/Toddler	20	C
Main	B-School Age	31	C
Main	C-3K/4K	31	C

Comments

This Licensing Study is the first regulatory visit for Children First this 2019 - 2020 fiscal year.

The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

The center currently has a one-star Quality Rating.

The consultant reviewed all staff files and finds that each staff has a satisfactory comprehensive fingerprint criminal records clearance determination letter on file.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/13/2019

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/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

Ann Lane, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2019

Comment

The consultant observed all lesson plans to be current and up to date.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2019

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019

Corrected on 8/13/2019

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed toys and equipment to be clean and in good repair.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - The center director will ensure that all children present are signed in and out daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2019

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019

Corrected on 8/13/2019

.15(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019

Corrected on 8/13/2019

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The center director stated no medications are administered.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a current 2019 license with Bright From The Start to be posted on the parent bulletin board.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed the fire and tornado drill log to be thoroughly documented.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2019

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Met

Comment

The consultant observed the parental access notice to be posted on the parent bulletin board.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2019

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2019

Corrected on 8/13/2019

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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 **Met**

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2019

Corrected on 8/13/2019

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.