



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/14/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Closure from visit on 01/11/2021 **Arrival:** 4:00 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-39440

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/14/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
01/11/2021	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/04/2020	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.

Comments

January 12, 2021: a complaint investigation was conducted on this date. It was not closed on this date due to gathering additional investigative information.

January 14, 2021: the complaint investigation was closed on this date and the findings were discussed with the director.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.

Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Deborah Eisner-Casto, Program Official

Date

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.03(1) requires the Center to provide a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles. It was determined based on staff statements and interviews that one or two children are allowed in the kitchen area after nap time to assist with drying dishes as a life skills activity, but this activity is not included in the lesson plan as a planned learning experience as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure all planned learning experiences are developmentally appropriate.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2021

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on staff statements and interviews that enrolled children are occasionally allowed access into the unlicensed living room space of the home to watch movies when weather does not permit for the children to go outside. Additionally, staff statements and interviews revealed that an unlicensed bedroom of the home and the center office has been used for virtual learning and are not currently licensed for center use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency. Additionally, center staff will ensure children are only present in licensed areas of the home. An amendment request has been submitted to add an additionally classroom space for Virtual Learning.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2021

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.18(12) prohibits children from being in the kitchen except as part of a planned, supervised learning experience. It was determined based on staff statements and interviews that one or two children are allowed in the kitchen area to assist with drying dishes while no cooking is being done after nap time as a life skills activity, but it is not included in the lesson plan as a planned, supervised learning experience as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that children's access to the kitchen is restricted unless it is part of a planned, supervised learning experience.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2021