



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/6/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:25 PM

Departure: 2:20 PM

CCLC-39594

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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.
03/06/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/26/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/30/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	2	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	0	9	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground A	19	C
Main	playground B	15	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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://www.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

Toschie McKibbins, Program Official

Date

Allison Morrison, Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture were observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The director stated that the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity was observed to be met by center.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a can of Lysol which is labeled keep out of reach of children, a can of Febreze air freshener which is labeled keep out of reach of children, a bottle of Family Dollar Advanced Oxy Formula Carpet Cleaner labeled keep out of reach of children, an unlabeled bottle of solution, an Renuzit bottle with a "bleach water" label, and plastic bags which pose a hazard to children were stored in an unlocked cabinet in the restroom used by Classroom A which children had access to.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

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

Met

Comment

Playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The consultant discussed removing the changing pads with small cracks and using the changing pad table without a pad, or replacing the pad.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The director stated that the center has not dispensed medication since their last visit on November 26, 2018.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2018

Corrected on 3/6/2019

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant provided an updated form that included lock down drills.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

The director stated that the center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2018

Corrected on 3/6/2019

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

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/02/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 12/28/2016

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2015

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2018

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 02/05/2018

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2018

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2015

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2015

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2015

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff were observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(5) requires that during day-time rest or sleeping periods, at least one Staff person is in each room providing direct supervision of the children and all Staff required by these rules relating to Staff: child ratios are in the Center and available to assure safe evacuation in an emergency. Staff: child ratios may be doubled for children three (3) years and older provided these requirements are met. It was determined based on observation that one staff member was present in Classroom C and D during naptime supervising a total of 19 children. There were two (2) one-year-olds and seventeen (17) two-year-olds present. Classroom C had two (2) one-year-olds and seven (7) two-year-olds, and Classroom D had ten (10) two-year-olds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will rearrange staff schedules to ensure the required number of staff are in each room and available.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.