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Date: 6/22/2020 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-4229

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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.
06/22/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/10/2019	Complaint Closure	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
Bldg. I	103	One Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building 1	105		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	107	One Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	108		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	109	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Building 1	110		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	111	Three Year Olds	3	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	112		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	302	PreK	4	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story
Building 1	307		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	309		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Cafeteria	Cafeteria	0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 39		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up visit. This visit was conducted virtually. The consultant provided technical assistance during this virtual visit. The consultant answered all questions during this visit. The consultant reviewed the COVID-19 checklist with the provider. The consultant informed the provider that a copy of the report would be emailed to the center and a returned signed signature page is necessary.

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://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

Jan McGhee, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

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.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to virtual visit complications on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time due to executive order.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2017

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 5

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019****Corrected on 6/22/2020****Criminal Background Checks were observed to be current as required on this date.****Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019****Corrected on 6/22/2020****Criminal Background Checks were observed to be current as required on this date.****Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019****Corrected on 6/22/2020****Criminal Background Checks were observed to be current as required on this date.****Staffing and Supervision**

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.