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Date: 10/8/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/08/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/10/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/20/2019	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- BL	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- BR		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 2R	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- 1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	17	C	Homework
Main	E- 1L		0	0	C	8	C	11	C	
Main	F- Front Far Right		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 52				
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 52				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	126	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 8, 2020. All criminal record checks were reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 8, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.decal.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@decal.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://decal.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)



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.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Zakiyyah Ali, Program Official

Date

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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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Based on the numbers provided the center was within licensing capacity.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No immediate safety hazard were observed during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2020

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2020

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the Director. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has not provided transportation since March 2020.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Cleaning and disinfecting of mats and infant sheets was discussed with the director on this date.

Defer

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 06/04/2014	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 05/01/2000	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 03/30/2000	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/02/2014	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/07/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/04/2017	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2020

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Based on the ratios provided the center was within ratio guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2020

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

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Supervision guidelines were discussed with the provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2020