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Date: 10/15/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-48508

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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.
10/15/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/26/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/26/2019	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
Main	A- Infants	Infants	1	7	NC	6	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	B- One Year	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- Two Year	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D- Three Years	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	E- Four Year (upstairs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- 4+ years (upstairs)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 68

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infants	10	C
Main	B- Toddlers	12	C
Main	C- 3+ Years	96	C

Comments

Consultant discussed criminal records checks on this date.
Consultant discussed center supervision plan on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/15/2019

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

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that classroom A was observed to have seven infants when licensed capacity is limited to six children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2019

Recited on 10/15/2019

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.26(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed children to be playing inside the playground fence. Staff stated playing inside the fence at all times.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the large playground had zero to one inch of resilient surface beneath the green slides, red fire poles, and swings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.17(7) -Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Staff stated washing children's hands before any meal.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.30(2) - Ensure infants are placed to sleep in a crib without bibs, pacifier clips, or any other objects.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) - Ensure infants are moved to a safety approved crib upon falling asleep.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that there was a ratio of 1:7 infants in classroom A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on staff statements that children in classroom E are allowed to enter the hallway to use the restroom while the teachers stands in the doorway of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. The Center will maintain an additional staff person to assist with children's bathroom breaks. The center will ensure that one staff member is in the hallway with the children while one staff member remains in the classroom with remaining children.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Recited on 10/15/2019