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**Date:** 3/4/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:10 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-48751**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/04/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/16/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/08/2020	Licensing Study	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	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Homework,Story
Main	B		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C	Infants	1	1	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers,Nap,Feeding
Main	D		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date:			6			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	28	C

**Comments**

The Licensing Study was completed on site. The center director stated no new staff were hired, no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. The consultant reviewed the current executive checklist and provided technical assistance with the new infant feeding plan, supervision of children during meals and snacks, and the emergency evacuation preparedness plan.

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/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.state.ga.us](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Devane Baker, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(2) - The center director will ensure that the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2021**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1)(b)

- The center director will ensure that all child files have completed parental authorizations on file to include but not limited to the Parent Agreement with the Child Care Facility.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2021**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**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 vacuum cleaner was stored in the two-year-old classroom in the reading area and accessible to the children. Additionally, garbage bags was stored under the hand washing sink located in the two-year-old classroom, did not have a latch on the cabinet and was accessible to the children. Additionally, a toilet plunger was stored under the hand washing sink located in the two-year-old bathroom, did not have a latch on the cabinet and was accessible to the children. Additionally, a toilet plunger was stored beside of the toilet in the two-year-old bathroom and accessible to the children.

**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: 3/15/2021****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - The center director will ensure that the light bulb is changed in the kitchen.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2021**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that one of four sand - water tables was disassembled and in different areas of the playground. Additionally, the red, yellow and blue piece of infant equipment had a one inch crack and a two inch crack on the green handle of the infant swing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2021**

## Food Service

### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

#### Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

## Health and Hygiene

### 591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2020

Corrected on 3/4/2021

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

#### Comment

The center director stated no medication is administered.

## Policies and Procedures

### 591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

#### Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - The center director will ensure that cots and mats that are stored in the child classroom area and accessible to the children are covered entirely.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2021**

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2014

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2020

Staff # 5 Not Met  
 Date of Hire: 10/05/2014  
"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
 .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6 Met  
 Date of Hire: 10/15/2014

Staff # 7 Not Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/01/2014  
"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
 .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 8 Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/06/2014

Staff # 9 Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/06/2014

**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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(4) - The center director will ensure that all cooks will complete four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage as required.

**Correction Deadline: 4/3/2021**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5) - The center director will ensure that all staff complete 10 hours of annual training each year as required.

**Correction Deadline: 4/3/2021**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.