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Date: 9/18/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/18/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/03/2018	Initial 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 - 1L/ 6 weeks- 12 months	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - 2LM- 1's and 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C - Back Right - 2's	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- Middle Right -potty trianed 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E -Left front-3's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left (6weeks - 2 years)	84	C
Main	B- Right - 2's	95	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/18/2018

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

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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

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

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Corrected on 9/18/2018

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the desk did not have hazardous items on it.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2018

Corrected on 9/18/2018

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the vents were clean.

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Corrected on 9/18/2018

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that bathroom materials were inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Corrected on 9/18/2018

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the bolts were trimmed down.

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

Defer

Comment

Playground observed to be not in due to construction.

Defer

591-1-1-.26(4)-The playground could not be evaluated due to the center having construction done on a building that is being placed in the back. The workers had to move open the fencing to get the building in the back. The center is currently waiting on plumbing to be completed for the building.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add a barrier to enclose the gaps.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2018

Corrected on 9/18/2018

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected in that ventilation fans were added.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2018

Corrected on 9/18/2018

.10(2) - Previous citation corrected in that sink was next to the changing table.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper handwashing.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant did observed two mattresses to be torn. They were not in use and were removed while the consultant was on site.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018

Staff # 2 Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Dissatisfied

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2018

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2018

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 07/11/2018

Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2017

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Director provided 4 files for employees hired since last visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(i) requires that if the Center accept a satisfactory determination letter issued by the Department for a potential Director or Employee as evidence of that individual's Satisfactory Records Check Determination, the Records Check Clearance Date must be within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has not changed. It was determined based on review of staff files that one staff have a satisfactory records check determination that was outside of its portability date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each potential Employee bringing a satisfactory determination letter issued by the Department has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination that is dated within the preceding 12 months from the hire date. The Center will not employ individual's whose satisfactory status has changed.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2018

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.