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Date: 10/8/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:30 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-48971

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/08/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/06/2019	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
Building Two	Classroom 1		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A - 1L/ 6 weeks- 12 months	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B - 2LM- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - Back Right - 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- Middle Right -potty trianed 2's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
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: 8			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 91			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

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 08, 2020 all criminal record checks were reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 15, 2020. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed during the virtual inspection.

New rules were discussed with the provider and resources were emails.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/28/2020

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.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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

Ruby Drew, 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-.03 Activities

Defer

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 train Staff to offer a variety of activity choices for each child. The Center will monitor regularly to ensure this is done.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

Defer

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The cCenter will follow a schedule that allows for all children to have the required amount of daily outside play time.

The center will add a temporary barrier to the outside playground, stager the outside times for classes and reflect that on their daily schedules so children can get the required time. The center will ensure that if the play equipment on that side is not age appropriate that age appropriate toys are taken out for the children temporarily until they can return to their intended playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

A virtual visit 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 visit 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 numbers provider the center was within licensing capacity.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2020

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 visit 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****Correction Deadline: 9/8/2019****Corrected on 10/8/2020**
.26(8) - Citation corrected.**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019****Corrected on 10/8/2020**
.26(9) - Citation corrected.**Health and Hygiene**

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Defer****Defer**

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

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

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

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

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019**Corrected on 10/8/2020**
.10(2) - Citation corrected.**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 there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

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

Defer

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 liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Defer

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)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2020

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Defer

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Defer

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

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 04/03/2013

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/25/2015

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2020

Corrected on 10/8/2020

.09(1)(j) - Citation corrected. Criminal record checks were discussed during the virtual visit. All current staff have a comprehensive background check.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful that the center director needs to spend the majority of the time at the center and when the director is not in charge a director designee needs to be present. Staff and parents need to be aware of who is in charge and this needs to be posted.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2020

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

Corrected on 10/8/2020
.32(1) - Citation corrected.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

Supervision requirements were discussed during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2020