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Date: 5/15/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-498

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/15/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
05/15/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/01/2019	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-1 st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play, Feeding
Main	B -2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-1-1 st left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	18	C	25	C	Free Play
Main	C2- 2nd left		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	D- Back leftLeft	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	27	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 125				
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 125				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/15/2019

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/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.

- 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

Lucy Andrews, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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

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

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019

Corrected on 5/15/2019

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the stove to be repaired and the plastic been was removed.

Facility**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that three electrical outlets were uncovered in the three-year-old classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2019

Recited on 5/15/2019

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

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 5/15/2019

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed transportation training on file for the employee.