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**Date:** 6/27/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 3:05 PM

**CCLC-50203**

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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.
06/27/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/18/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	Infants	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	22	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 90			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	155	C
Main	Small Playground	22	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/27/2019

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.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.

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#### 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](mailto: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.

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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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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LAKEISHA THIGPEN, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

#### 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)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that following was present:

Room C: one of two wall heating units was rusty, had chipping paint and the slats along the front were broken and loose. The other wall heating unit was missing at least one slat, creating a gap where a child could reach down into the unit. Additionally, paint was chipping on the door in Rooms A and C

Room D: one wall a/c unit had broken slats along the top, creating an area that a child could reach into the unit.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that several bolts were protruding from the corners of all chain link fencing on both playgrounds. In addition, much of the metal material along the top of the fence on Playground A was loose and could easily be pushed out from the fence. A portion of the fence along the back center on Playground A was loose and the links were protruding towards the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019**

Recited on 6/27/2019

**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 the silver car equipment had exposed rust on the Large playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will re-paint the driving equipment. 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: 7/7/2019**

**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 there was not adequate resilient material around the merry-go-round on Playground A. There was 1 inch of surfacing present.

**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. Due to the lack of required resilient material, the bottom anchoring of the merry-go-round was exposed. In discussing the piece of equipment with the director, it was suggested that it be removed from the playground. Potential hazards existed from not only the lack of required resilient surface, but also from the piece being close to the fence. In addition, a potential hazard is presented with it being metal, allowing for it to become too hot on a day when in direct sunlight.

**Correction Deadline: 7/4/2019**

Recited on 6/27/2019

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following was observed on the playground:

-Playground A: several large roots were present along the right side of the playground and presented a tripping hazard. A thorny vine was present near the back center of the playground near the fence. In addition, two cement pads near entrance doors were not level with the ground and posed a tripping hazard. In addition, a green water hose was left on the ground accessible to children. lastly, there was an orange squared toy that was broken with jagged edges accessible to children.

- Small Playground: A black wire from a cable box was hanging near the ground and accessible to children on the right side of the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019**

**Recited on 6/27/2019**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/18/2018**

**Corrected on 6/27/2019**

**.17(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed. The consultant discussed maintaining a working fire extinguisher in the vehicle.

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

**Met**

**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.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

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Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/20/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 10/16/2017	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 03/25/2019 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/27/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/29/2016	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/17/2023	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/13/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/29/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/18/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/06/2018	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/02/2017	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/17/2018	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.