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Date: 9/4/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:10 PM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

CCLC-50203

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
09/04/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/27/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/18/2018	Initial 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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	G	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date:			66			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 09/04/2019

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

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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)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined, based on observation that the vinyl chair in Room B and the vinyl furniture in Room G were observed to have tears with foam exposed on this date, which prevented the furniture from being kept clean, as required. It was further determined that a broken toilet seat was observed in the middle stall in the Boy's Bathroom located in the hallway on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2019

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****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 in Room C, one of two wall heating and air conditioner units was observed to be rusted, had chipping paint, and had broken and loose slats along the front. The second wall heating and air conditioner unit was missing at least one slat, creating a gap where a child could reach down into the unit. It was further determined that in Room D, one wall heating and air conditioner 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: 10/4/2019

Recited on 9/4/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure all electrical outlets within children's reach were covered, as required, on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2019

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

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: 9/25/2019

Recited on 9/4/2019

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.26(6) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playground equipment was observed to be free of hazards and in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/4/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, that an adequate amount of resilient surface was observed beneath playground equipment and in the fall zones on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playgrounds were observed to be clean and free of hazards on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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) **Met**

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure mats with tears were replaced prior to using on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/06/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2016	

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/13/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/16/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 05/20/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

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

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.