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Date: 3/9/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-50258

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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.
03/09/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/14/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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-infant	Infants	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	C-toddler	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-2's rm	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H-3-4's	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	18	C	Outside
Main	Rm B	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	RM D-2's	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm F-3's	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	18	C	Outside
Main	Rm G	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	18	C	Outside
Main	Rm I	Five Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	18	C	Outside
Main	Rm J		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176

Total # Children this Date: 86

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 3 and Up	78	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks - 2 yrs	45	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations.

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.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.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.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.dec.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.ga.gov

Brittany Marcus, Program Official

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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

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 one of the two blue tables in classroom C had a leg that was broken off presenting a hazard to children in care. Additionally, the blue rug in classroom H in front of the bathroom and outside door presents a tripping and slipping hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The center director repaired the table leg during the visit and will monitor to ensure the table stays repaired. The consultant discussed using rug grippers or removing any rugs that posed a tripping or slipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in classrooms E, G, and I the children's chairs were stacked to a height that posed a potential tipping or falling hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.08(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children records observed had the required information.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children. A plunger was observed in the bathroom of classroom H, behind the toilet, please remove or keep out of reach of children.

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(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children in care.

- In classroom C there was an opened bottle of strawberry Fanta in the quiet area.
- In classroom D there were plastic grocery bags in the third drawer of the cabinet that is used for food prep and meal supply storage that was unsecured.
- In classroom I the storage closet had a broken child lock and the door handle was taped so that the door would not lock. Inside the closet were bottles of sanitizer, soap and water, and bleach and water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant observed an exit sign in classroom G above the door to the playground that had a broken and missing front cover. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing or replacing the sign cover. Additionally, in the bathroom between classrooms D and E the third stall has two holes in the wall where a toilet paper holder has pulled out of the wall. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing the holes in the wall.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(6) - The consultant discussed with the director about labeling the cubbies/hooks in classrooms G, H, and I for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2020

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant discussed with the director about securing the fence material at the bottom of the gate between the two playgrounds to ensure it does not pose a hazard to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

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 c-clamp at the top of the chain on the far right swing on the older playground was not closed all the way presenting a falling hazard to children in care. Additionally, on the toddler playground on the tunnel play set two caps were missing or broken at the top of the posts and twelve (12) nails were exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 3/9/2020

Recited on 3/9/2020

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that ten (10) bottles in the refrigerator of classroom A were not labeled as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.07(5) This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No hazardous items were observed around children's necks.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.10(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper diapering procedures were observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(9) - A sippy cup was observed in the bathroom between classroom D and E. The consultant discussed with the director about all food related items being kept separate from toileting and diaper areas.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.17(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper handwashing was observed throughout.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper handwashing was observed throughout.

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

Met

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - The consultant was told by the director about a seat belt that will not recoil and is not currently in use on Bus #2. The director stated that the seat is not needed during transportation and the center is in the process of getting new buses. The consultant observed the broken seat belt and noted that only seven children are transported on the 15 passenger bus.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that two of eleven mattresses in classroom B had tears on the side seams with the inner foam exposed preventing the mattresses from being waterproof and washable as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, and is waterproof and washable. The center director taped up the sides of the mattresses during the visit and will monitor the mattresses to ensure any split seams are repaired as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was allowed to sleep on an infant play mat on the floor from 9:48 A.M. until 9:57 A.M. a total of nine minutes that were observed. The consultant pointed out the sleeping infant to the teachers and the child was not moved until after the consultant left the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 12/13/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 02/07/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/12/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 12/14/2016	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/22/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 12/13/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/05/2018	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2019

Corrected on 3/9/2020

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All employees had a satisfactory comprehensive record check on file.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.