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Date: 1/7/2020 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 2:35 PM

CCLC-52241

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/07/2020	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	Room A		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	34	C

Comments

A final license was not issued on this date. A follow up visit will be completed. A phone conference will be scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/07/2020

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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://www.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

Charlotte Perkins, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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 the consultant's observation in Classroom A and B rust was on the legs of the chairs and tables that will be used by children. Rust was also observed in the sinks and around the toilets in Classroom A and Classroom B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture is free of rust. The Owner will sand the legs of the table and repaint.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2020

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the Center Director/Administrator stated that the program will not participate in Swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed Swimming/water requirements with Center Director/Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Center Director/Administrator that prior to participating in Swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming/water activity Rules.

Facility

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on consultant's observation that ventilation was not present in the restroom in Classroom A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add ventilation to the bathroom areas or add screens to the windows so the windows can be opened to ventilate the bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2020

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

The program has the following capacity limitations of 25 due to two (2) toilets in use for children in care.

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

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on consultant's observation the flooring in the kitchen area had approximately three (3) missing tiles.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary. The owner will replace the missing tiles in the kitchen area.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2020

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 consultant's observation the following hazards were observed:

- * Classroom A insects were observed crawling at the top of the door leading to the outside.
- * Classroom B the molding was missing off the left and back side of the walls.
- * Classroom B restroom the first left toilet was cracked and in operable.
- * Classroom A and B two (2) fluorescent lights were missing light covers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have an exterminator to come in and spray the building before children are present. The center will add the missing molding in Classroom B. The owner will replace the toilet in Classroom B and add the covers for the fluorescent lights in Classroom A and B.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2020

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 consultant's observation the fence on Playground A and B was not measuring at the required four (4) feet in height. Playground A fence measured three (3) feet four (4) inches to three (3) feet seven (7) inches on the right side and back area. Playground B fence measured three (3) feet four (4) inches to three (3) feet six (6) inches on the left side and back area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure the fence is measuring the required four feet in height.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2020

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 the following hazards were observed on the playgrounds:

Playground A

- * Rust on the fence panels and poles.
- * Swing pole and chains were rusty and inoperable (bucket seat broken).
- * Rust on the blue and green tunnel and aluminum slide.
- * Playground A had screws on the gate of the fence measuring over the required two (2) threads.

Playground B

- * Rust on the monkey bars.
- * Rust on the aluminum slide.
- * Rust on the fence panels and poles.
- * Chipping paint and rotting wood was present on the play structure.
- * Rust and chipping paint on blue tunnel.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove all playground equipment which poses a hazard and sand and paint equipment which will be used. The owner will sand and spray paint the fence to remove the rust. The owner will cut down and sand any protruding screws on the fence.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020

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 consultant observation on Playground A there was no resilient surfacing around the aluminum slide when six (6) inches is required. On playground B, consultant did not observe any resilient surfacing around the monkey bars, aluminum side, and the wooden structure when six (6) inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily. The owner stated she would remove most of the items off the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020

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 consultant's observation Playground A and B had pine straw, pine cones, tree limbs, and debris throughout them.

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: 1/7/2020

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(4) requires kitchen lights to be shielded. It was determined based on consultant's observation two (2) fluorescent lights in the kitchen were missing the shields.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install or repair a shield on the kitchen light.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff were discussed with the director on this date.

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

No children were enrolled in the program or present on this date. The Center Director/Owner stated that the Center will not dispense medication. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

This facility can not conduct transportation until February 3, 2022. The Center Director and Owner stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director and Owner, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director and Owner that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Center Director and all Center Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation, and ensure all Transportation/Field Trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director and Owner, that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

On this date, Consultant observed eight (8) cribs used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Center Director, prior to the visit and on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding nine (9) Center Employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, were discussed with the director on this date.