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Date: 5/26/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-52256

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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. 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.
05/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/03/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/26/2020	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-# 104-Infants	Infants	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B- #101-1's	One Year Olds	3	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- #100-1's	One Year Olds	4	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-#120- 4's & Up		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-#118-4's & Up	GA PreK	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G-#110-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I- #226-3's & Up	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	J-#224-3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	K-#217-3's	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	L-#215-2's	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M-#213-2's		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 115

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 2's & Up	47	C
Main	Playground B - 2 and up	45	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 24, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 26, 2021 with the Director Morris Walker. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decal.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@decal.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://decal.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Morries Walker, 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

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

Comment

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

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2021

Corrected on 5/26/2021

.26(4) - Previous citation was corrected. Center added to the existing fence and is now measuring six feet high.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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. Center has an on-site nurse that administers all 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) **Met**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2015

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2003

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2014

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2011

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2017

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/22/2017	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 10/07/2008	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 01/18/2020	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 08/15/2018	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/01/2001	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2021

Corrected on 5/26/2021

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected. Every employee and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2021

Corrected on 5/26/2021

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected. Every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Defer**

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- Consultant will review staff training on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will keep a record of annual trainings completed and check regularly that staff are on track with training hours.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.