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Date: 7/17/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

CCLC-969

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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.
07/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/02/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/02/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	1st Blue Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1st Red Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	18	C	26	C	Transitioning
Main	1st Right- Younger Infants		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Blue Room	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Red Room	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	18	C	26	C	Centers
Main	2nd Right- Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Main	Green Room	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	32	C	45	C	Centers
Main	Purple Room	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Yellow Room	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	19	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205							
Total # Children this Date: 104			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Playground	60	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	95	C

Main	PG- Right Playground	38	C
Main	PG-Back Playground	201	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/17/2019

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/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://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(3) requires that equipment and furniture be placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision. It was determined, based on observation, that stacked chairs were observed in the Green Room on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will re-position the identified equipment and/or furniture and the director will view each classroom to verify appropriate make changes, as needed, and have a system to monitor these items.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

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

Met

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site at Barnish Pool. The center had complete documentation.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The consultant discussed with the director and assistant director to ensure storage closets in classrooms do not have keys in the doors, which are accessible to children, as this was observed in the Purple Room, the 2nd Blue Room, and 2nd Red Room on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

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 potential hazards were observed:

- Green Room: Plastic bags were observed accessible to children in and on top of children's cubbies. A tube of Banana Boat sunscreen was observed accessible to children in a child's cubby on this date. A staff purse was observed accessible to children on the floor near a table on this date. A toilet brush was observed accessible to children in the second bathroom. A plunger was observed accessible to children in the third bathroom. A roll of trash bags and a toilet brush were observed accessible to children in an unsecured cabinet under the handwashing sink on this date.
- 1st Blue Room: Plastic bags were observed accessible to children in children's cubbies on this date.
- 2nd Blue Room: Plastic bags were observed accessible to children in children's cubbies on this date.
- 1st Red Room: Plastic bags were observed accessible to children in children's cubbies on this date.
- 2nd Red Room: Plastic bags and three tubes of sunscreen were observed accessible to children in children's cubbies on this date.

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: 7/17/2019

Recited on 7/17/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant discussed with the director and assistant director to ensure that dust is cleaned off the exhaust fans located in the bathrooms and over the diaper changing areas on a regular basis.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

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 the wooden thresholds were observed to be broken with sharp edges exposed on this date at the back doors in the Green Room and the Yellow Room on this date. It was further determined that a hole in the wall, measuring approximately two inches high and five inches wide, was observed near the back door in the Green Room. It was further determined that a cubby door was observed disconnected and propped against the wall in the Green Room.

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: 7/31/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined, based on observation, that children in the 2nd Red Classroom were observed to not wash their hands prior to lunch on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for the field trip taken June 20, 2019 to Neptune Dive and Ski. The consultant observed children depart the facility on this date for a field trip to Barnish Pool. Children were observed to have name tags and a participant list was left at the center.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) 3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined, based on review of records, that the arrival and departure times were not documented for morning routine transportation from the Center to Riverside Elementary School on May 24, 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined, based on observation, that an infant observed sleeping in a crib had a pacifier with a WubbaNub, or small stuffed animal, attached on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2004	
 Staff # 2	 Met
Date of Hire: 12/12/2018	
 Staff # 3	 Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2017	
 Staff # 4	 Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	
 Staff # 5	 Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	
 Staff # 6	 Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2016	
 Staff # 7	 Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/1999	

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2013	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2011	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/1994	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 28

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

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.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2019

Corrected on 7/17/2019

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff were observed providing direct supervision and watchful oversight on this date.