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Date: 7/29/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:10 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-970

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/29/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/26/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Bldg 1	1st Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg 1	1st Right		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 1	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	2nd Right	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Transitioning
Bldg 1	3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg 1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg 1	4th Left(Back)		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Bldg 1	4th Right	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	5th Right (back)	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269							
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	25	C	47	C	65	C	Centers
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Right		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Bldg 2	Left side 1st Right	PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 2	Left side 2nd Right	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Bldg 2	Right side back		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Right side Front Room		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269							
Total # Children this Date: 109			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 269			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Back 3-12 yrs	75	C
Bldg 1	Left Front 2yr	36	C
Bldg 1	Right Back 1yr	13	C
Bldg 1	Right Front Infants	15	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 29, 2020 . Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 11, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed

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

Kim Shipes, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****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: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/26/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/26/2019	
Staff # 11	Met

Date of Hire: 04/17/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2018

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2017

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/1997

Staff # 26 Met

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2019

Staff # 30 Met

Staff # 31 Met

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.