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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/16/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:45 PM

Departure: 1:55 PM

CCLC-1385

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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.
12/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/23/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/23/2021	Complaint Closure	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	Left Pre-K Wing-1R	GA PreK	4	38	NC	37	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Left Pre-K Wing-End of Hall	GA PreK	2	21	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1L -Right Wing Infant/Toddler Side	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2L- Right Wing-Infant Toddler Side	One Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3 L-Right Wing	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4L Right Wing	Infants	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E- Front Room Upon Entrance	Three Year Olds	2	29	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Hallway-Back Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	39	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Rm b/f Dining Rm	Two Year Olds	2	12	NC	18	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 151

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	back playground (toddler)	25	C
Main	left side (Pre-K/ASP)	81	C


Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 16, 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 16, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021, was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Consultant discussed applying for a variance and waiver for the Left Pre-K Wing, First Right classroom.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/16/2021

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

Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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)

Tracy Howell, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, Consultant

Date



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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.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that the Left Pre-K Wing, 1 right classroom, licensed for 37 children was occupied by 38 children during virtual visit. Furthermore, there are 44 children on roll in this classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2021

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 in the 3L Right Wing classroom, items such as peppermints, adult scissors and lotions were stored in a drawer, within a child's reach.

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: 12/16/2021

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation the following items were not posted in the center: a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence, statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will post the notices as required and ensure they remain posted.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Vehicles were not observed during virtual visit, as they were out on their transportation route.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/27/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/1999	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2019	

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/04/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/14/2008	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/30/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/02/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/01/2010	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/16/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/12/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/10/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/02/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 04/06/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/24/2015	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 03/03/2017	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 01/14/2020	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/23/2021 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 27	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on records that staff member #25 was not certified in CPR and First Aid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire 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

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.