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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/26/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 10:35 AM

CCLC-32804

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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.
05/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/30/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
12/10/2020	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- 1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	19	C	Outside
Main	B- 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	25	C	Music
Main	C- 3rd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	3	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play
Main	D 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	E- 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	F- 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G- 4th Right	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							
Modular H	Pre-K		0	0	C	35	C	49	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on May 26, 2021.. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 26, 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, 1 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Additionally, Consultant discussed Rule changes that took effect on October 1, 2020 and emailed the Provider handouts with Frequently Asked Questions and related resources.

Consultant e-mailed the provider a copy of the COVID-19 Guidance for Georgia Childcare Facilities, Interim Guidance as of December 14, 2020.

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.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)

Shandy Ritt, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, Consultant

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.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children, to include toilet brushes.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2021

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Playground(s) were not directly observed during the virtual walk through due to connection issues. Regulations regarding the associated rules with fencing, playground equipment, resilient surfacing and keeping playground area free of hazards were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through 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-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

Corrected on 5/26/2021

.21(3) - It was determined based upon observation of records that the center has documented their completed drills for the year of 2020.

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.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Transportation vehicles was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper seat restraints, First-Aid Kit, 1st & 2nd Checks of vehicles were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 04/25/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/23/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/12/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2020

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2006

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2006

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2012

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 06/12/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 10/08/2020

Records Reviewed: 29**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 06/29/2014	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2020	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 09/08/2020	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 12/03/2019	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2020	
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2020	
Staff # 28	Met
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13**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**

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

