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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/22/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:15 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-14435**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/07/2021	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	A-1R--24-35 months	One Year Olds	3	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B2R--2 years	Two Year Olds	4	19	C	14	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C-3R-4 years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	21	C	29	C	Centers,Story,Free Play
Main	D-4R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Back Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time
Main	F-3 years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	16	C	17	C	24	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120							
Total # Children this Date: 78			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	85	C

**Comments**

An in person visit was conducted on this date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

Leisa Wall, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, Consultant

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children. Also, please make sure hand sanitizer is out of reach of children.

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure that the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface are as required:

Swings:

- \* Fall (use) zone for regular swings is determined by measuring length of the swing chain and adding seven feet. Fall zones must extend in front and in back of the stationary swing. The fall zones in the front and in the back needs to have at least six (6) inches of depth.
- \* Fall zone for tire (three chain) swing is determined based on length of chain plus seven (7) feet. The fall one extends in all directions and needs to have at least six (6) inches of resilient surface.

Slides:

- A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.
- A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.
- Stand alone climbers (i.e. arch climbers, dome climbers [jungle gyms], overhead horizontal ladders [monkey bars], spiral climbers – at least four feet in all directions from climbing structures (i.e. climbers/ladders)

Resilient Surface:

- \* Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .
- \* Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high

**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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

**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-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**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: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/22/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/22/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2002	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/13/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2004	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2013	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2022	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2021	
Staff # 13	Met

**Records Reviewed: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/25/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2008

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2018

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2018

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/1999

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2021

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4****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**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.