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Date: 8/11/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-35858

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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.
08/11/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/21/2020	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	B- 3 to 4yrs		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- School Age	PreK	2	15	C	26	C	37	C	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	F- 6wk - 6mth	Infants	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- Infants	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering
Main	Room A- Preschool	PreK	2	18	C	25	C	36	C	Story
Main	Room C- 2's Potty Trained Only	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room D- 12mth - 23mth	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161							
Total # Children this Date: 67			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	84	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 11, 2021 with the Director and Assistant Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/11/2021

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.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Jayshri Soni, Program Official

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)

N/A

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined, based on observation, that there was no measurable resilient surface on the playground beneath the playground equipment and in the fall zone from the equipment on this date. It was further determined that patches of grass were observed growing through the resilient surface on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined, based on observation, that canisters of powder formula was observed in Room F on this date. The director and assistant director stated that staff prepare bottles using the powder formula for each infant's feeding time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined, based on review of records, that an annual vehicle inspection was not available for the vehicle with tag number QBM8478 that was used for routine transportation. An annual vehicle inspection form was available that did not contain the date, vehicle tag number, or vehicle make and model.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) - The consultant discussed with the Director and Assistant Director to ensure the vehicle tag number for the vehicle used for routine transportation is notated on the Transportation Checklists.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2021

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined, based on observation, that children were placed on cots or mats in Room G head to head, when it was required that children be placed head to toe.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/07/2021	
Staff # 7	Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2015

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 04/01/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2020

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2018

Records Reviewed: 28**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2014	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2014	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2019	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2019	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit.

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) **Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Director and Assistant Director to ensure that staff were attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger, as three-year-old children were observed in Room C eating at the tables while the staff member was observed pouring milk near the classroom door on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2021