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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/9/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-12187

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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.
02/09/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/14/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/09/2021	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
Single	A - First Right	Infants	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
Single	B 1st Left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Single	C - 2nd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Single	D - 2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Single	E - 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Single	F- 3rd Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Single	Far left - 1st rt.	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Single	G - Far 1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Single	H - Far 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Single	J- Far left 2nd rt.		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	K - Far Back Rm		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 61					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	playground	70	C

Comments

February 18, 2021--An administrative review was completed 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 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)

Myra Lockhart, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, 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.

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: 1

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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

The Consultant observed that the playground was being renovated.

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**

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date. .

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that crib sheets were required to be changed daily.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2022**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2020Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2020Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2022
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hiredStaff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2021Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 07/07/2002Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2002Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2021Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 09/28/2020Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2014

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	

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 **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.