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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/18/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:25 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-24175

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/18/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/05/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/09/2021	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
Bldg. II	1st Right	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg. II	2nd Right		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Left - A	Infants	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Right - G	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Left - B	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Right - H	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Left - C	One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Right - I	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Left - D	One Year Olds	3	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Right - J	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Left - E		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Right - K	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap

Bldg. IV - ELC	6th Left - F	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 125

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 247

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. IV - ELC	Large	263	C

Comments

Licensing visit was completed on January 18, 2022. Administration review was completed January 26, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/21/2022

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@decals.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://decals.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)

Amanda Jordan, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study 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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant reviewed with the director the following information: name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached;

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2022

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(11) - Please continue to monitor the hall restroom flooring across from the first classroom on the right in building 2 to ensure it's smooth and secured to the floor.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(14) - Consultant reviewed with the director and staff that areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. There should be enough light for staff to see each child and for visits from the state.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

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

Not Met

Comment

Please continue to fluff and redistribute resilient surfacing to ensure fall zones are covered.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that 5 of 17 tricycles had rust on handle bars. Furthermore, the sprinkle area had chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

The gazebo had exposed nail heads, nail points and wood with splinters to the right bottom of the entrance.

The gazebo's 7th spindle on the 3rd section was missing leaving nail heads exposed. Furthermore, the gap where the spindle was missing was 8 1/2" W x 24" L posing an entrapment hazard.

Black mats need to be flush with the resilient surfacing to prevent a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The spindle will be replaced, the wood will be repaired, no nails will be exposed and black mats will be flush with resilient surfacing.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2022

Food Service

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**

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.

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.

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/19/2015

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2018

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/10/2010	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 10/18/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/02/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/25/2021	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 02/01/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 05/07/2014	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/15/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/03/2021	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/05/2015	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/22/2021	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/11/2014	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/08/2015	Met
Staff # 21	Met

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 11/30/2020

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2015

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 09/25/2019

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 09/25/2019

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 01/17/2020

Staff # 29 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 2 file(s) 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) Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.