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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/24/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-898

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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.
02/24/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/22/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/19/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	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 Right- 2 y/o	Infants	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B-2nd -Right-1-2 y/o	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C- 3rd Right-Infant	One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Main	D-Bck-Rt- 4 y/o	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	30	C	Outside
Main	E- Back Lft- 4 y/o	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	28	C	Circle Time
Main	F-Center- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127

Total # Children this Date: 81

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	101	C
Main	Right Playground	18	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete an Incident Investigation/ Follow up.

The center director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/24/2022

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@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)

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(5) requires Center Staff to provide platforms or sets of steps at the toilets and sinks to assist children who are unable to use the fixtures comfortably when child-size fixtures are not provided. In Centers with a licensed capacity of 19 or more children, the toilet facilities for children aged four (4) and older shall be suitably screened for privacy. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that restrooms shared by the back right classroom and back left classroom were not screened for privacy as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a platform or steps that helps children reach toilets and sinks safely and will ensure this equipment is available whenever needed. The Center will install a visibility barrier, where needed, in bathrooms for children four years and older to provide privacy.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

Recited on 2/24/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2021

Corrected on 2/24/2022

.26(8) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date in that there was adequate resilient surface beneath the preschool climbing structure on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that four of eight crib mattress were not tight-fitting without gaps as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

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