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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/17/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-54914

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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.
02/17/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/07/2021	Initial 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
Main	1L-A-PreK	GA PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Outside
Main	B-2L- Primary	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C- Rear Middle-3's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-3R Primary		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-1R - Toddlers	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F-1R	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 46

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (3-12YEARS)	124	C
Main	PLAYGROUND A	35	C
Main	Playground B	46	C

Comments

Exit interview was conducted with the director/owner on February 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. A Follow-up ILS was conducted on February 17, 2022. The Final license was not issued due to several previous citations being recited. The final license will be issued upon receipt of pictures and or follow-up visit showing findings have been completed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/17/2022

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)

Shefali Pattharwala, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(1) requires the Center to provide a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles. It was determined based on observation in room E and F no planned activity or scheduled was being followed during the visit. The room was in disarray, toys scattered on the floor, children crying, etc. Consultant also observed (3) three infants confined in their cribs in room F while the teacher read to other students. It was stated this method was used to transition infants to nap time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan a program that includes a variety of developmentally appropriate activities that are provided daily, train Staff to use various teaching methods, and monitor both. Please submit completion of transition training for teachers in room E and F.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.12(5) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.12(6) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. Room D was previously a play room and has been changed to be a license room. It was discussed at previous visit to setup centers in the room. It was determined based on observation the room lacked a variety of dramatic play, musical toys/instruments, art materials, science and a variety of books.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room (D) in the area of dramatic play, musical toys/instruments, art materials, science and a variety of books for each age group that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2022

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

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

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation the following items need to be repaired/replaced:

Rm. A

- Ceiling light in bathrooms lack a light cover.

Rm. E

- Stained ceiling tiles.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The following was corrected: Rm. A,

-Toileting now flushing.

-Exhaust fans free of lint and debris

Rm. E

-Toilet flushing

-Cleaning tools removed

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Recited on 2/17/2022

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.25(6) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation on playground A, (3) three to (6) six inch gap at the bottom of front fencing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Recited on 2/17/2022

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 the following hazards on the equipment:

Playground A

- Chipped paint on yellow and green piece of equipment.
- Glider too close to the swing structure.
- Yellow and purple car stained with dirt debris and anchors exposed creating a tripping hazard.
- Burgundygreen/blue slide structure, red/blue iron car and gray horse stained with dirt debris.

Playground C

- Chipped paint on blue see saw.
- Yellow/green play structures stained with dirt debris.

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: 2/11/2022

Recited on 2/17/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure resilient material under the tree house slide is re-fluffed to provide a cushion surface during a fall.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2022

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 the following hazards were observed on playground B:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Water hose accessible.
- Splinter wood at the back of wall.
- Remove any items that's not being used for the children.

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. Tree roots will be painted, water hose removed, splinter wood repaired/replaced.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

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 the following hazards:

Playground A

- Uneven surface between the concrete and soft surface creating a tripping hazard was replaced with red clay..
- Several exposed tree roots.
- Large rocks and large chunks of red clay accessible to the children.

Playground C

- Several exposed tree roots throughout the play area.
- Large wooden logs in the play area.

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 following items were corrected: on playground A and C:

- Uneven surface between the concrete and soft surface creating a tripping hazard.
- High grass.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Recited on 2/17/2022

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.10(1) - Previous citation was corrected by un sealing the screened windows in each room. to provide ventilation..

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(3) - Please ensure diapering table in room E is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. The diaper counter is being used to store items such as sippy cups, etc. The owner insist all children are in pull ups but some were observed in diapers. The matter will be discussed with parents.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.10(7) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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**

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/or redirection observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2021

Corrected on 2/17/2022

.30(4) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation mats were accessible in room B and F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others. Plastic covering used to cover mats in room A will be replaced,

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2022

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

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2021

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

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/08/2021

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2021	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2021	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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