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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 3/23/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-274**

**Discovery Point #4**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/23/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/06/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/14/2020	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	1L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R	PreK	2	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	3L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning
Main	4R	PreK	1	8	C	28	C	39	C	Centers
Main	Backroom	PreK	2	9	C	27	C	37	C	Centers
Main	Dining Room		0	0	C	43	C	60	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 275				
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 275				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A LEFT SIDE	15	C
Main	Playground B LFT BK	65	C
Main	Playground C	100	C

**Comments**

Background checks were all reviewed on March 23, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 24, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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Rozina Lakhani, Program Official

Date

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Beth Holland, Consultant

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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)** **Met**

**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**  
A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**  
591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:  
-Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.  
-Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.  
-Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.).  
-Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.  
-Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

**Food Service**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - 290-2-3-.10(1) - Consultant emailed the provider guidance on the October 2020 rule changes for Nutrition and Meal times. Reviewed the following with the provider on this date. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. Consultant also discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of one (1) years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

## Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - Consultant reviewed the following safe sleep requirements with Provider on this date. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 03/15/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 06/05/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/29/2014	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/11/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/25/2002	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 06/07/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/19/2012	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/13/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/06/2004	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2005

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit on November 6, 2020. The consultant observed 15 of 15 staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2020**

**Corrected on 3/23/2021**

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that 13 out of 15 staff members were observed to have current CPR certificates on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2020**

**Corrected on 3/23/2021**

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that 13 of 15 staff members had valid CPR certificates on this date.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2020**

**Corrected on 3/23/2021**

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all employees have completed the mandatory ten hour Health and Safety orientation training.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2020**

**Corrected on 3/23/2021**

.33(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that staff member #6, Staff member #9 and Staff member #10 showed completion of the required four-hour nutrition course.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

**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.