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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/9/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-17297

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Quality Rated: No

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.
12/09/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/20/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
05/06/2021	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	DownL: 1L-C Pre Primary II	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	8	25	C	42	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
Main	DownL: 1R-D Pre Primary I	Infants	5	18	C	45	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	DownR: 1L-A Level 1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	7	29	C	28	NC	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning
Main	DownR: 1R-B Level 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	7	29	C	46	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Up: 1L-F Primary II	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	27	C	54	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Up: 1R-E Primary I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	30	C	53	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Up: 2R-G Kindergarten	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	5	27	C	42	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 310			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 185			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Garden Area	38	C
Main	Infant/Toddler	30	C
Main	Paved Surface	10	C
Main	Upper Level	24	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 6, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 9, 2021, with the Director/Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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@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)

Kimberly Curtis, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, 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: 0

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

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

Regulations regarding the associated rules with fencing, playground equipment, resilient surfacing and keeping playground area free of hazards were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Procedures and sanitation regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date. Changing pad and table as well as the adjacent sink were observed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed to have complete emergency drills.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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/Provider 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)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tight fitting sheets, SIDS, and infant sleeping position were discussed with the Director on this date. The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

The consultant discussed with the provider about covering the nap cots to limit potential germ transmission for the cots that were stored inside of a classroom play area.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 46**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2015

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/05/2018

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/06/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2004

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 10/18/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/23/2010

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2020

Staff # 20 Met

Records Reviewed: 46**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 11/29/2021

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

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2019

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2004

Staff # 23

Met

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2019

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2021

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

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2019

Staff # 27

Met

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2018

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/2019

Staff # 30

Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2020

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2021

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

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2018

Staff # 33

Met

Date of Hire: 03/22/2019

Staff # 34

Met

Staff # 35

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Staff # 36

Met

Records Reviewed: 46**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

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

Staff # 37

Met

Staff # 38

Met

Date of Hire: 06/24/2021

Staff # 39

Met

Staff # 40

Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2021

Staff # 41

Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2021

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

Staff # 42

Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2021

Staff # 43

Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2011

Staff # 44

Met

Staff # 45

Met

Staff # 46

Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided thirteen (13) file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.