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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/1/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-48755

Bright Promises of Hartwell

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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.
07/01/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/30/2020	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	A-1R Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Diapering, Free Play, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B-1L Back	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-1L front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Left hall 1R	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	E-left hall back	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 56			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back left Playground	25	C
Main	Back Right Playground	14	C
Main	Front Playground	55	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow-up on the previous visit conducted on January 13, 2021.



Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/23/2021

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.al.ga.gov/>
 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.al.ga.gov

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.al.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://dec.al.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)

Wakenda Bullard, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2003	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/02/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/17/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/10/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2019	
Staff # 7	Not Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2017	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Date of Hire: 07/01/1994

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2018

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2021

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Met

Comment

10 of 10 Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 3 file(s) for employees hired since last visit January 13, 2021.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that staff and staff #7, hire date 1/3/2017 does not have evidence of the minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at time of employment. Consultant discussed with the owner that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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Correction Deadline: 1/3/2022

Recited on 7/1/2021

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that classroom C-1L housed three two- year- old and three three- year- old children present on this date.

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