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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/9/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-52682

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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.
Date	Visit Type	Designation	
07/09/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building A	Bldg. A- Screen Porch		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room A- Preschool		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room B- 4yrs-5yrs		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room C- 6wks-18mths		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room D- 18mth-24mth		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building B	Rm. A- AS		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building B	Rm. B- AS		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building A	Playground A	58	C
Building B	Playground School age	125	C

Comments

The program received permission to operate on this date. The facility carries liability insurance. Congratulations!

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/09/2020

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.



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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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(3) - Please ensure the Center offer opportunities for each child to make choices in a variety of activities such as music and dramatic play in the school age program in Building B.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2020

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center in Building A.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured in Building A and B on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(5) - Please ensure the toilet facilities for children aged four (4) and older shall be suitably screened for privacy in Building A and B. It was determined based on Consultant's observation the restroom stall panels in Building A and B between the toilets were not wide enough to provide suitable privacy.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2020

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure the extended screw protrusion on the fence gate on Building A playground is cut back two threads and capped if needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2020**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 Consultant's observation the following hazards were observed on the fencing surrounding Building B playground:

- Rust observed on the chain-link top poles and fence panels.

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 top poles and panels will be sprayed with paint to remove the rust. The owner overall plan is to replace the fencing.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2020**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 Consultant's observation the following equipment hazards were observed on Building B play area:

- The base of the following equipments were accessible , creating a tripping hazards: paint -n- play, chimes and the two springy rider piece of equipment.

- Also two screw protrusions were observed on the bottom poles of the paint -n-play stand along equipment.

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. Mulch will be added to cover the base of each piece of equipment. The screw protrusion will be cut back two threads.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2020**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 Consultant's observation the following hazards were observed on Building B play area:

- Several exposed tree roots near the back wooden fencing near the red trike piece of equipment

- Open black stake near exposed tree roots.

- One of two gutter sharp edges were accessible.

- Exposed concrete at the bottom of front fence gate pole.

- Uneven surfacing between the hard and soft surfacing leading to the playground, creating a tripping hazard.

Building A:

- Exposed concrete at the bottom of shade structure poles.

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.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. All diapering requirements were met on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - Please ensure a posted notice board is added in the entry of Building B with the following notices:

- The Center's current License.
- A copy of DECAL rules.
- A copy of the current communicable disease chart.
- A statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence.
- Names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence.
- The dated current week's menu for meals and snacks.
- Emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations.
- A statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center.
- No smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director.
- The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2020

Safety

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. Consultant also observed during the reviewing of files, the director and owner has completed the required Transportation training.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Consultant observed seven (7) of seven (7) cribs used for sleeping and resting in room C with a year of January 2020 manufacturing date, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Center Director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure cots in Building A in room A, B, C and D are stored to prevent the children from having access to them.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

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

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.