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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/30/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-2866

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/30/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/21/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/15/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2 & 3 Yrs.	Six Year Olds and Over	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Afterschool		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Pre-School		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Toddler	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 13			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	38	C
Main	Playground II	218	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 30 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 6, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/06/2020

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.decal.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

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@decal.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://decal.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)

Valerie Gaines, Program Official

Date

Debrik Perry, 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

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Facility

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

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2019

Corrected on 9/30/2020

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected. A board was placed on top of the storage to block it from entrance. The equipment can not be accessed. Water hose has been placed removed and placed closer to the fence where it will not pose a tripping hazard to the children.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2019

Corrected on 9/30/2020

.17(8) - Previous citation was corrected. The staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing requirements and the prevention of spreading germs. .

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of documents that the Director had not conducted any monthly emergency drills for the year of 2020.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2020

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

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

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

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety**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 on this date.

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**

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2019

Corrected on 9/30/2020

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed that all crib sheets were tight-fitting and they are being washed daily. The staff stated proper knowledge of washing and cleaning sleeping and resting equipment.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/1999

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2006

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
 .09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
 .09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
 .09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since November 21, 2019.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #1, staff #4, staff #5 and Staff #7, who were hired in September 2020, were observed to not have submitted a records check application to the department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #1, staff #4, staff #5 and Staff #7, who were hired in September 2020, were observed to be without satisfactory criminal background checks on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(e) requires that no actual or potential Director, Employee or Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center with an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination may be present at a Center when any child is present for care or reside at a Center. It was determined based on a records check that four new hires have not completed the Criminal Records check process.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will [] to ensure that no actual or potential Director, Employee or Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center with an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is present at the Center when any child is present for care or reside at a Center. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will complete this process of training to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2020

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided files for four employees hired since last visit in November 21, 2020.

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-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment

Staff observed to have four new hire criminal records that have not been completed.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2019

Corrected on 9/30/2020

.32(1) - The previous citation was corrected. All rooms that were in operation were properly supervised and were within the required ratio.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2019

Corrected on 9/30/2020

.32(7) - Previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed proper supervision in all classes.