

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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# **Findings Report**

Date: 4/29/2021 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Arrival: 3:30 PM Departure: 5:30 PM

Monitoring Visit

CCLC-30199

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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)

**Not Met** 

### **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom in the two-year-old classroom was not operable on this date. The children used the bathroom in the adjacent classroom that was vacant.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

# 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

# **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

#### Comment

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.

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

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-.36 Transportation(CR)

Defer

#### Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(b)- Transportation has not been provided due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

#### Correction Deadline: 3/10/2020

#### Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(c)- Transportation has not been provided due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

# Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020

## Defer

591-1-1-.36(7)(b)- Transportation has not been provided due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

### Correction Deadline: 3/10/2020

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3	
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# 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Defer

### Defer

591-1-1-.14(3)- Transportation has not been provided due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2020

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

### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision** 

591-1-132 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)		
Comment Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.		
591-1-132 Supervision(CR)	Met	

# Comment

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