



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/31/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:20 AM    **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-50206**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 01/31/2023                         | Monitoring Visit                 | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/17/2022                         | Licensing Study                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/15/2022                         | Complaint Investigation by Phone | 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                           | D    | GA PreK   | 2                              | 1        | C    | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                           | F    | GA PreK   | 2                              | 1        | C    | 26                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 51 |      |           |                                |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 2  |      |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 51 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A-Infant     | 9                    | C                     |
| Main     | B-Toddler    | 30                   | C                     |
| Main     | C-Preschool  | 62                   | C                     |
| Main     | D-School Age | 53                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/14/2023

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).





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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Corrected on 1/31/2023

.12(2) - The previous citation is corrected in that the tables in classroom E have been replaced or repaired on this date. Please continue to follow up and repair or replace equipment and toys as they become broken or in need of repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Discussed with director to monitor the floor rugs in classrooms E and G and clean or replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on an observation that classroom G housed nineteen children on this date when the licensed capacity is listed at 18 children.

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**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed present on this date:

- Right Hallway: The laundry room was unlocked and contained several bottles of cleaning products.
  - Classroom D : One broom and mop were accessible in the children's bathroom, the cabinet door under the sink was disconnected at the hinges and had two exposed screws.
  - Classroom G: One box of latex gloves and one bag of children's wipes were accessible to children on a low shelf in the bathroom, and one drawer by the sink was unlocked containing a stapler, crazy glue and two stapler removers.
  - Classroom H: An unlocked cabinet by the sink contained one bottle of snow spray, one bottle of lysol disinfectant, and one plastic bag with Christmas lights and wires.
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**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023**

**Recited on 1/31/2023**

**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 following areas were not clean and in good repair:

- classrooms D, E, F and H - the bathroom vents were covered with dust and residue
  - classroom G - the bathroom vent/light was missing the light shield / cover
  - classroom H- the sink was observed to be leaking and a small puddle of water was observed present under the sink, the toilet was missing one screw cap from the base, with an exposed screw and rust developing at the base, the wall vent was observed to be covered with dust and residue, a hole was observed to have been spackled on the wall by the circle time area, but the wall was peeling and the spackle was flaking off.
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**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023**

**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 observation that the following areas of fencing were in not in good repair on this date:

- back playground : the top of the fencing between the back playgrounds was detached from the top and beginning to detach from the bottom.
- right playground: the top of the fencing between the right playgrounds was detached from the top and beginning to detach from the bottom; there was a gap measuring more than three and a half inches at the bottom of the fencing on the back side; and a gap measuring more than three and half inches was present by the fencing and wall
- the fencing on the right side was beginning to detach from the top surrounding the A/C units

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**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

**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 observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds on this date:

- exposed concrete was present by the wall / fencing next to the back door and under the sand table
- one gutter was missing a piece, creating an opening with rough edges
- the chains covers on the playground on the right side were beginning to crack and develop rough edges

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**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022**

**Corrected on 1/31/2023**

**.15(3) - The previous citation is corrected in that all bottles in both infant rooms were observed to be labeled with individual child's names on this date.**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined, based on observation, that a tear with foam exposed was observed in the diaper changing pad in Room B, which prevented the surface from being thoroughly cleaned and sanitized on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**

**Recited on 1/31/2023**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure the children in all classrooms wash their hands directly prior to eating or drinking.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022**

**Corrected on 1/31/2023**

.20(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that medication documentation and authorizations were observed to be complete on this date.

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022**

**Corrected on 1/31/2023**

.21(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that documentation was observed to be completed for emergency drills for November and December 2022 on this date.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.



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**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined, based on observation, that children's blankets were observed to be stored touching other children's blankets on this date in classroom H.

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**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023**

**Recited on 1/31/2023**

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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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. All employees were observed to have evidence of satisfactory comprehensive background check letters on this date.

**Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/18/2022**

**Corrected on 1/31/2023**

**.33(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that employees were observed to have evidence of orientation on this date.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022**



Corrected on 1/31/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - Correction of the previous citation in that each classroom had a lead teacher with credentials or a learning plan in place on this date.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined, based on observation, that Room G was observed to have a staff:child ratio of 1:19; which included one staff member with three three-year-old children and 16 four-year-old children on this date. A staff:child ratio of 2:19 was required.

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**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023**

**Recited on 1/31/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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