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| 1776 szer   | Cover Sheet   |          |   |                 |         |  |
| Date: 1/11/2022 VisitType   | Complaint Investigation by Phone  | Arrival: | 12:25 PM  | Departure:      | 1:25 PM |  |
| CCLC-974  |   |          | Regional Consultant   |                 |         |  |
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| Compliance Zone Designation |  | <u>nation</u> | <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 |  |  |  |  |
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| 01/11/2022                  | Complaint<br>Investigation by<br>Phone | Good Standing | standing, support, and deficient.<br>Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting  |  |  |  |  |
| 12/08/2021                  | LS POI Follow Up                       | Good Standing | the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting  |  |  |  |  |
| 11/24/2021                  | Incident<br>Investigation Closure      | Good Standing | rules.  Deficient  Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.   |  |  |  |  |

#### Ratios/License Capacity

#### **Comments**

January 11, 2022. The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

February 9, 2022. The investigation was closed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/11/2022

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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, 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: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

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)

Shirley Holcomb, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Consultant

Date

Mandi Sloan, Consultant

Date



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

### Finding

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on investigative findings that center staff failed to keep a child clean, dry and comfortable when a three-year-old child was observed to be holding a soiled diaper containing a bowel movement in their hands in the restroom located in classroom 3R at approximately 6:00 p.m. on January 4, 2022.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

## Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022

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

## Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on investigative findings that center staff failed to provide watchful oversight when a three-year-old child was left unsupervised in the restroom located in classroom 3R for approximately two minutes at approximately 6:00 p.m. on January 4, 2022.

# Not Met

Not Met

**Staffing and Supervision** 



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Departure: 1:25 PM

**POI (Plan of Improvement)** The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022