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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/24/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-17297

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Quality Rated: No

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. 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.
02/24/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/09/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/20/2021	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	DownL: 1L-C Pre Primary II	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	7	27	C	42	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	DownL: 1R-D Pre Primary I	Infants	4	14	C	45	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	DownR: 1L-A Level 1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	6	27	NC	28	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	DownR: 1R-B Level 2	Infants and One Year Olds	4	14	C	46	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	Up: 1L-F Primary II	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	6	32	NC	54	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	Up: 1R-E Primary I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	12	C	53	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Up: 2R-G Kindergarten	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	19	NC	42	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 310						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 145			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 310			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Garden Area	38	C

Main	Infant/Toddler	30	C
Main	Paved Surface	10	C
Main	Upper Level	24	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct follow-up from the previous visit that was conducted on December 9, 2021 and to conduct an incident investigation. The visit was conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The background checks for current staff were reviewed per the list of staff that was verified as accurate by the provider.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/11/2022

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, <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

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.

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)

Kimberly Curtis, Program Official

Date

Sherri Thompson, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 62

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2015

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2018	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2020	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2004	
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 02/23/2010	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 09/28/2021	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2020	
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	
Staff # 28	Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 01/09/2019	
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 07/23/2004	
Staff # 33	Met
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2019	
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 10/25/2021	
Staff # 37	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2019	
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2018	
Staff # 40	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	
Staff # 41	Met
Date of Hire: 09/11/2020	
Staff # 42	Met
Date of Hire: 02/25/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 43	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	
Staff # 44	Met
Staff # 45	Met

Records Reviewed: 62**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 46	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2019	
Staff # 47	Met
Staff # 48	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	
Staff # 49	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2021	
Staff # 50	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 51	Met
Staff # 52	Met
Date of Hire: 06/24/2021	
Staff # 53	Met
Staff # 54	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2021	
Staff # 55	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2021	
Staff # 56	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/2021	
Staff # 57	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2011	
Staff # 58	Met
Staff # 59	Met
Staff # 60	Met
Staff # 61	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	
Staff # 62	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on the consultant's review of background checks for staff members, the satisfactory comprehensive criminal background check for a staff member was not ported to the center. The staff member was observed to be present in a classroom during the visit. The staff member was present in the classroom with three other staff members that did have their satisfactory comprehensive criminal background checks under the center's license.

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Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022