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Date: 1/31/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:25 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-3382

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/31/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/05/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
09/13/2017	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
Bldg. # 2	Main		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. I	Back (Middle)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. I	Far Right - End	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack
Bldg. I	Front	Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. I	Left Side	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 27		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/31/2018

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).

Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Catherine (Cathy) Williams, Program Official Date

Patty Malone, Consultant Date

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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**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12 - The consultant discussed the storage of the printer in the right walk through room.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25 - The consultant discussed ensuring that all potentially hazardous teacher supplies are stored out of reach of children in care.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous equipment was observed:

Front playground- There was an exposed screw on the bottom broken step of the wooden slide structure. Additionally, there was a side brace missing on the monkey bar ladder attached to the slide structure.

Back playground- The silver monkey bars had rust.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will repair the broken step, remove the exposed screw, re attach the brace and paint the monkey bars.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2018

Recited on 1/31/2018

Finding
591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was approximately two inches of resilient surface material beneath the fall zone areas of the swings and the slide structure when six inches was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will add resilient surface material beneath the fall zone areas of the swings and the slide structure.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2018

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 there was an excess of leaves on the playground area. Additionally, a broken rake was observed on the front playground covered by the leaves.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

The center will remove the excess leaves and the broken rake from the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017

Corrected on 1/31/2018
.07(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected.

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
Staff stated proper hand washing practices.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The provider stated that no medications have been administered since the last visit.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
staff stated proper SIDS practices.

Staff Records

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

Comment
The consultant reviewed five staff files. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017

Corrected on 1/31/2018
.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Documentation of the required health and safety training was observed for all staff.

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

Comment
Staff met standards on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017

Corrected on 1/31/2018
.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper Supervision was observed during the visit.