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**CCLC-12492**

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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.
03/20/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/20/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/24/2018	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	

**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
Main	1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1st Right	Infants	3	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Diapering
Main	2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	3	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	5th Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	Far back right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Total # Children this Date: 64    Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159    Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	18	C
Main	Preschool	265	C
Main	Toddler/Preschool	149	C

## Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/20/2019

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

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](mailto: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)



### Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the blue and orange blocks in the one-year-old room were torn and ripped on the edges, in addition, the red and blue chair had a tear and stuffing material exposed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group and any toys be repaired or removed from the area.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019**

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Facility</b>
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**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(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that the storage area beneath the sink in the Far back right after school room was unlocked and contained spot shot cleaner, a can of Raid, a bottle of Lysol and other unlabeled bottles of cleaner and were accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based upon the consultant's observation that trees and shrubs were hanging over the fence on the infant and toddler playground, the preschool playground and the Toddler playground. Some of the plants were growing into the fence and some were hanging over the fence causing a hazard for the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The harmful item will be removed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 the consultant's observation that the fencing connecting the toddler and toddler/preschool playground was uneven and could not be properly latched to keep close. The 10th through the 13th pole on the back fence of the toddler/preschool playground was unsecured and was not flushed to the ground and exposed the sharp edges of the fence. The fourth through sixth pole on the back fence from the left was loose and the fence was not secured to the ground. On the left side of that same fence there was a gap that measured approximately 4 1/2 inches. In addition there was an opening in the fence that posed an entrapment hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based upon the consultant's observation that the swing set on the preschool playground as well as the toddler/preschool playground swings were loose at the top where the bolts are attached to the bar that holds the actual swings in place were loose and shifting from side to side as the children were swinging. This posed a potential hazard as the bolts were rusted and the bolted bar was loose. Also on the preschool/toddler playground the black mat under the slide was torn in pieces and posed a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored. The Center will also inspect all the equipment and remove those items that are frayed or torn. During the visit the swings were no longer being used and the Assistant Director advised she will have them tightened up before the children use it again.

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the Provider the need to fluff up and spread around the mulch on the playground areas.

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2019**

**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 the Consultant's observation that the big tree beside the swing set on the Toddler/Preschool playground had several roots exposed. In addition, there were exposed roots along the fence on the preschool and toddler/preschool playground which posed a tripping hazard. Furthermore, on the toddler/preschool playground there was exposed concrete on the back of the basketball court closest to the fence which caused a tripping hazard.

**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 Director was advised that she could spray paint the roots and she advised that is something she will consider. The concrete block is usually covered and the Director advised she would take care of it.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Consultant also discussed with the Provider the importance of not storing items in cribs that are not being used in the area.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

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