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Date: 4/1/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
04/01/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Support	
10/17/2018	Licensing Study	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	A front office		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B Back right	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	4	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C back Lft		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D Frnt End	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	12	C	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	E Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	10	C	Music,Centers
Main	Frnt Left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 32		Building capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 15		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 32		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	167	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 5, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/01/2019

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.

- 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

Katrina Williams, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 4/1/2019

The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed each classroom to provide approximately 35 square feet of usable space per child on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

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 a six inch gap was observed on the lower back left side of the fence surrounding the playground creating a potential entrapment hazard on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards (i.e. gaps). The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019

Recited on 4/1/2019

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 observation that broken wooden sticks were observed throughout the grounds of the playground. Consultant also observed sweet balls on the back left side of the playground on this date.

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.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Defer

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The previous citation was deferred due to the center completing the required first aid and CPR training as of March 24, 2019. The center is currently pending an official copy of all staff members first aid and CPR training cards from the trainer. Consultant observed documentation of attendance and completion for the documented first aid and CPR training on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2019

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The previous citation was deferred due to the center completing the required first aid and CPR training as of March 24, 2019. The center is currently pending an official copy of all staff members first aid and CPR training cards from the trainer. Consultant observed documentation of attendance and completion for the documented first aid and CPR training on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2019

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 4/1/2019

The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed each classroom to comply with staff:child ratios on this date.