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**Date:** 7/15/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 2:30 PM    **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-4051**

**Savannah'S Sitters Club**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
07/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/10/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	A 1Left	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	19	C	26	C	Free Play,Centers
Main	B 2 Left		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	Not In Use
Main	C Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	3	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	D Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 97					
Total # Children this Date: 13			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 97				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	58	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on July 15, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 16, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/15/2020

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)

Wanda Denton, Program Official

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)** **Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultant observation the following areas were in need of repairs:

-Classroom Middle - The left 2nd left light fixture and the 2nd right light fixture was inoperable.

-Classroom B-2L - The back restroom tile was cracked. The 1st left and middle back light and three left right side lights is inoperable. The center molding was unattached in multiple places and there were ten holes in the walls measuring up to ten inches with with exposed sheet rock.

The consultant observed that the holes, molding and sheet rock had been repaired. The lights are still inoperable. several ceiling tiles in classroom A and B need replacing due to water damage from leaking roof.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The director will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2020**

**Recited on 7/15/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Consultant discussed monitoring the playground and fence surrounding the playground area for normal wear and tear (i.e. exposed roots, active ant beds, resilient surface levels, entrapment hazards, etc.) with the director on this date.

**Health and Hygiene**

**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant did not directly observe the diapering procedure. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant did not directly observe the hand washing procedures. Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant didn't directly observe appropriate discipline being implemented. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Defer**

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A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule will be evaluated and reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit January 10, 2020.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive order issued on June 16, 2020.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) - Consultant discussed with the director that she can not have dual positions of lead classroom teacher and director in a center with the capacity of 19 or greater.

**Correction Deadline: 7/15/2020****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) - Consultant discussed with the director that she can not have dual positions of lead classroom teacher and director in a center with the capacity of 19 or greater.

**Correction Deadline: 7/15/2020**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019****Corrected on 7/15/2020**

**.32(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that the class had the correct teacher; child ratio on this date.**

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

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