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Date: 10/15/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:45 AM

Departure: 4:20 PM

CCLC-26195

Cornerstone Academy 2

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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.
10/15/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/14/2019	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	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- Ones	One Year Olds	3	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	B Back- Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap	
Main	B Front- Young Infants	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play	
Main	C Back- Twos	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C Front- Twos	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	D- 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	1	26	C	36	C	50	C	Nap	
Main	E- Preschool/After School	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	27	C	35	C	50	C	Nap,Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					165	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					194
Total # Children this Date: 115			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			165	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				194

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left	53	C
Main	PG- Left Front	18	C
Main	PG- Right	91	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/15/2019

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

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all equipment and furniture was observed to be free from hazardous conditions on this date.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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 were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff stated that redirection and discussion were used as forms of discipline. Staff completed discipline refresher training in February 2019.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for the field trip taken on September 27, 2019 to Steed's Dairy Farm.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The consultant discussed with staff and the center director to ensure children are placed head to toe when napping.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined, based on observation, that an infant was observed sleeping in a swing on this date in Room B Front - Young Infants. The infant had a physician's statement which required the infant to be propped up during naps and a note from the parent requesting staff place the child in a swing for naps instead of in a safety-approved crib on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff were observed to provide direct supervision and watchful oversight on this date. The director stated that staff have reviewed the rules and regulations regarding supervision.