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Date: 12/11/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 1:25 PM

Departure: 2:40 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/11/2019	POI Follow Up	Support
11/12/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	Room A - 6wk to 18 mth old	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - 12 to 24 mth olds	One Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C - 1 yr old	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D - 1 year		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E - 3-4 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room F - 2 yr	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Preschool Playground	73	C
Main	Toddler Playground	85	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/11/2019

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.dec.state.ga.us/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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Megan McMullen, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2019

Corrected on 12/11/2019

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

Facility

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 observation that the restroom in Room C had a toilet brush which was 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: 12/11/2019

Recited on 12/11/2019

Safety

Finding

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or un supervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old was placed to sleep in a dark closet between Room B and Room C as a form of discipline. The child was observed sleeping in a crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take immediate action to ensure the action/conduct has ceased; train/review appropriate child guidance techniques with center staff; and have a system in place to monitor and identify inappropriate actions.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

Recited on 12/11/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

Corrected on 12/11/2019

.30(2) - The consultant discussed infant sleeping rules.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2019

Corrected on 12/11/2019

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 01/25/2019

Staff # 8

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2019

Corrected on 12/11/2019

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This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

Corrected on 12/11/2019

.32(5) - The consultant discussed staff:child ratios during nap time.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old was placed to sleep in the closet between Room B and Room C and left unsupervised.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2019

Recited on 12/11/2019