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Date: 1/26/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-13020

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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.
01/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/03/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/27/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	34	C	Nap
Main	C	Infants	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 103				
Total # Children this Date: 41						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 103				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler right	12	C
Main	Preschool left	69	C
Main	Toddler right	18	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 26, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 26, 2021 with the . An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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

April Davis, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Consultant

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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

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019

Corrected on 1/26/2021

.12(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. During a virtual visit, the consultant observed the bathroom door in classroom B and the bottom of the bathroom door and bottom of the sink in classroom D to be repaired and free of splinting.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

An Administrative Review was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2020

Corrected on 1/26/2021

.15(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected. It was observed that staff is following the infant plans and instructions of the parents during feeding.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/09/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/24/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/19/2007	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.
 An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for the year 2020.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.
 Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.