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Date: 8/24/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/24/2021	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/23/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/01/2020	Licensing Study	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	A-first left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA						
Main	B Second Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA						
Main	C-3 year old (3rd left)		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA						
Main	E (first right)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA						
Main	Fdownstairs (3rd right)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA						
Main	G downstairs second right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers					
Main	H (dwnsrs first right)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA						
Main	I dwnstrs first left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA						
Main	J downstairs 2nd left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers					
Main	Room D (second right)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA						
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0									
Total # Children this Date: 20						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Middle Toddler Playground	15	C
Main	Right Older Playground	35	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 8/25/21. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 8/24/21 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 15, 2021, 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.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

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

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual walk through of the playground was conducted and no hazards were observed. Please ensure the playground is inspected daily to ensure no hazards are present.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Proper diapering procedure was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper diapering procedures were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center during virtual visit due to COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/17/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/13/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/27/2015

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2013

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.