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Date: 12/14/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:05 PM

Departure: 1:05 PM

CCLC-2636

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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. 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.
12/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/14/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
bld2-rm H	Pre-K/ school age		0	0	C	40	C	56	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Main	Cafeteria	Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	16	C	23	C	Circle Time
Main	Room A -2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.)	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	30	C	42	C	Nap
Main	Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.)	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168				


<u>Building</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Playground Occupancy</u>	<u>Playground Compliance</u>
Main	playground	67	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 14, 2020. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person inspection was conducted on December 21, 2020 with the Director. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/14/2020

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

Jazmine Newsome, Program Official

Date

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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.

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

Not Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. Please ensure full addresses are used for emergency contacts.

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that the sign in and out records did not reflect the name of the parent or guardian who dropped off and picked up the children each day. Instead "mom" or "dad" were used next to children's names. Additionally, there was no signature by the parent or staff member who received the children and released the children as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2020

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

591-1-1-.15(2) - The center was given a copy of the new infant feeding plans.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2020

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.

Discussed with the director about not allowing pacifiers to have anything attached to them and not attaching a pacifier to infant's clothing.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2020

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.36(8) restricts a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination unless accompanied by the Parent and excluding field trips. It was determined based on a review of records that on the November 30-December 4, 2020 Moulton Branch and Lomax P.M. route that on Monday November 30, 2020 children loaded at 2:05pm and unloaded at 2:57pm for a total of 52 minutes on the vehicle. Additionally, On November 30-December 4, 2020 Sallas Mahone and Dewar P.M. route that on December 3, 2020 children loaded at 2:12pm and unloaded at 3:07pm for a total of 55 minutes on the vehicle and on Friday, December 4, 2020 children loaded at 2:10pm and unloaded at 3:03pm for a total of 53 minutes on the vehicle exceeding the forty-five minutes of travel time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the travel time is no more than forty-five minutes on each trip.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Discussed pacifiers and not allowing anything to be attached to them.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2019

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2002

Staff # 3 Not Met

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Date of Hire: 02/07/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 06/05/2019

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2019

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 05/16/2002

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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-.33 Staff Training**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that one of thirteen employees did not have Health and Safety training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Recited on 12/14/2020

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that two of thirteen staff members had not completed the required ten hours of annual training for the 2019 calendar year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2021

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that there were five classrooms in use and only two lead teachers with the required credentials to qualify as lead teachers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.