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Date: 2/6/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-29919

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/06/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/06/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/06/2018	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	A		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play,Snack
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D Afterschool		0	0	C	8	C	11	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 62				
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 62				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	13	C
Main	Plgd-B	10	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up from the previous visit conducted on September 6, 2018.

Consultant discussed with Director about Staff and Supervision.
 Consultant discussed with Director about Documentation needed for licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/06/2019

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

Nikki McCall, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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**

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.25(13) - Consultant observed the closet in Classroom D to be in good repair.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the playground the fence does not close completely and lock. Consultant observed the lock not to be in good repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2019

Recited on 2/6/2019

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.18(5) - Consultant observed the freezer to be in good repair. Additionally a working thermometer was observed in the freezer along with frozen food.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.10(4) - Consultant observed one changing pad in classroom Main C to be in good repair.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.17(8) - Consultant observed staff and children to wash their hands in the classrooms.

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**

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.21(3) - Consultant observed Fire/Tornado/Emergency Preparedness documentation form to completed on this date.

Safety

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

Comment

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

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

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.36(4)(b) - Consultant observed the Van to be in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2018

Corrected on 2/6/2019

.36(4)(c) - Consultant observed a fire extinguisher on the vehicle as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with teachers in Classroom Main B and C on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed four (4) of four (4) Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Criminal record checks to be complete on this date.

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)

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 one staff member walked out of classroom Main B to open the door of the Center two times, leaving the children unsupervised in the classroom. Additionally three children were observed to briefly walk out of their classroom of a supervised area without an adult to a neighboring classroom to place items in their cubbies.

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: 2/6/2019