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Date: 9/1/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-32817

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/01/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/24/2019	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	1R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	3R		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and PreK	1	8	C	31	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	5R		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Main	6R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	7R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 12						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infants	15	C
Main	Older	67	C
Main	Toddlers	21	C

Comments

An monitoring visit was conducted on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 1, 2020 with David Shohooki. 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.

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

David Shohooki, Program Official

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, adequate and age appropriate activities and equipment was observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at the center. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, there was no swimming pool observed at the center.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, adequate supervision or appropriate ratio was observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020

Corrected on 9/1/2020

.25(13) -Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed classroom 4R and 7R, both cabinets were secure and hazardous materials were put out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Playgrounds shall be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, consultant observed grass and weeds growing in the mulch, on and up the side of the white fence on the older playground.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020****Corrected on 9/1/2020**

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed the diaper changing surface to have no tears or exposed foam.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020****Corrected on 9/1/2020**

.17(7) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed running water in the hand washing area and soap displayed for access to proper hygiene.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, appropriate staff/child interaction was observed.

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)**N/A****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and there is no routine transportation provided at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, consultant observed mats in good repair with individual sheets and light covering for each child.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/02/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/09/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) - A center must ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the center while any child is present for care. Based on review of records, all current staff have obtained a satisfactory Criminal Records Check.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2020

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

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020

Corrected on 9/1/2020

.31(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant obtained an updated staff list with documentation of new hires that fulfills required credentials.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through, adequate supervision or appropriate ratio was observed.

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

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.