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Date: 5/28/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

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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.
05/28/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/29/2019	Complaint Closure	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
Main	A-1st RT	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	B-2nd RT		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-3rd RT		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Middle Back	One Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap
Main	E-2nd Left		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	Not In Use
Main	F-1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	30	C	Nap
Main	G-Far Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	23	C	32	C	Nap
Main	H-Back Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149

Total # Children this Date: 41

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Older/Back Playground	57	C
Main	Younger/Front Playground	18	C

Comments

May 28, 2020 An administrative Review was completed on this date.

June 11, 2020 An administrative review was conducted on May 28, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 11, 2020 with the Director. An in person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 29, 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.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.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

Sherry Nelson, 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

Sanitizing procedures were discussed with the Director. The Director showed the consultant baskets that are outside of each classroom. Toys that have been used by children are placed in the basket. Staff go throughout out the center collecting the baskets and sanitizing those toys and then return them to the classroom. Toys that are unable to be sanitized have been stored and are not in use.

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

N/A

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08 - Discussed sign in/sign out documentation requirements with the Director.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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

During the virtual walk through of the center that was conducted on June 11, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no hazards were observed accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2019

Corrected on 5/28/2020

.25(13) - A virtual walk through was conducted on June 11, 2020 and this area was observed to be free of any hazards accessible to children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

Corrected on 5/28/2020

.26(8) - A virtual walk through of the center was conducted on June 11, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director and staff measured the mulch in several areas of the fall zones and exit areas of the slides, on both play areas. The consultant was able to observe the ruler and appropriate amounts of mulch were observed on this date. The consultant discussed while there was enough in the fall zones on the larger playground, adding more surfacing would help in maintaining the proper amounts.

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. Staff stated proper procedures for diapering and the sanitizing portion of diapering was observed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during the virtual walk through on June 11, 2020.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director on this date. Additional sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed with the Director during the virtual visit that was conducted on June 11, 2020.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(3) - A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next in person regulatory visit. The consultant discussed emergency drill requirements with the Director.

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.22-During the virtual visit on June 11, 2020, the consultant discussed procedures for restricting parental access with the Director. The consultant observed the parent drop off entrance at the front door. Signs are posted reminding parents to stop. Parents are only allowed into the lobby area of the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2020

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. 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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.13 - A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed on the next in person regulatory visit. Field trips are not being conducted due to the executive order issued on May 29, 2020.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36 - A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next in person regulatory visit.

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicle inspections were completed as follows:

Ford E-350 Super duty, Tag-RJL 2448, September 15, 2019
 1994 Dodge Ram 2500, Tag-RDA 3547, June 18, 2019
 95 Ford E-150, Tag-BSQ 7888, February 27, 2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed during the virtual visit that was conducted on June 11, 2020. Safe sleep policies were discussed with the Director on this date.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning, disinfecting, and spacing of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2014	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2011	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2009	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/16/2012	

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2019

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 12/04/2019

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 10/14/2014

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all nineteen staff members employed on this date.

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

Comment

First Aid and CPR was observed completed according to current licensing regulations.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for the 2019 year.

Comment

Health and Safety Training observed completed as required for five of five staff files reviewed on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31 - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through in June 11, 2020. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 29, 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.