



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/28/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

CCLC-35276

South Cobb Children's Enrichment Center

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/28/2018	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/28/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
09/05/2017	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/1R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	B/2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C/3R	One Year Olds	1	1	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D/1L	PreK	2	14	C	36	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	74	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/28/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure updated lesson plans are available for each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

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

Met

Comment

All required equipment observed secured.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2018

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.

Comment

An updated parental agreement form was provided on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom D(1L), the utility closet door was unlocked and contained two staff member's purses within reach of children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the center will ensure the closet remains closed and locked.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

Recited on 2/28/2018

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

Resilient surface was not adequately evaluated on this date due to inclement weather. Please fluff and redistribute resilient surface once dry.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

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 the latch on the playground gate was inoperable, posing a potential escape hazard.

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: 2/28/2018

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2017

Corrected on 2/28/2018

.26(9) - The playground was observed to be free of litter and hazards, please continue to monitor.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Per center Director, medication is not dispensed at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Met

Comment

2018 license observed.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2018

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Emergency preparedness template provided.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that there was no documentation of fire drills for May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, and January, 2018. Further, there is no documentation of a tornado drill being conducted since January, 2017.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2018

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Per center Director, the center has not participated in field trips since the last regulatory visit.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 9/15/2017****Corrected on 2/28/2018**

.36(3)(a-b) - Transportation training observed for Director and one additional staff member involved with transportation.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2017**Corrected on 2/28/2018**

.36(7)(b) - Correction of previous citation observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that there was no documentation of a second check of the vehicle following morning transportation to Powder Springs Elementary School from February 12, 2018 to February 16, 2018.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Crib sheet requirements discussed with center Director and infant classroom teacher.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2018

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2017.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017

Corrected on 2/28/2018

.33(3) - Health and safety training observed for all required staff.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that one lead teacher did not have a credential on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience. The center will create a professional development plan and maintain on file until credential requirements are completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

Technical Assistance

Staff file requirements discussed with center Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

Comment

Staff observed to follow applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

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.