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Date: 2/19/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:50 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-37385

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Quality Rated: No

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.
02/19/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/29/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
10/04/2018	Licensing Study	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
Bld 1	Garden	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	24	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Bld 1	Honeycomb	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Bld 1	Rosemary	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	26	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Bld 1	Tadpoles	Infants	3	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bld 1	Terrance	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bld 1	Willow	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	22	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Bldg II	Butterflies	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg II	Caterpillars	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Lunch, Nap
Bldg II	Lilacs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg II	Sprouts	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg II	Sunflowers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch


Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request
Total # Children this Date: 161	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 1	garden	20	C
Bld 1	large	241	C
Bldg II	small	227	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/19/2019

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/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

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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) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2018

Corrected on 2/19/2019

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant also observed a new enrollment form.

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)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please monitor wear and tear on changing mats.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2019

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**Staff stated proper hand washing procedures and times.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 10/4/2018****Corrected on 2/19/2019****.30(1)(a)1 - The previous was corrected on this date. All cribs were compliant.****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that there was a pink loose-fitting sheet on a crib in the Tadpoles classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that a white sound monitor was attached to a crib with a sleeping infant in the Caterpillars classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2019

Recited on 2/19/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 46

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/24/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/25/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/15/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/01/2004	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/01/2015	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/11/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/05/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 10/02/2017	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 12/16/2014	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/06/2012	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/01/2005	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/25/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/07/2012	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/15/2018	Met

Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 09/01/2014	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/15/2015	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 08/16/2018	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 05/28/2015	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 08/31/2018	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 04/02/2015	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 08/06/2014	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 08/01/2006	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 09/01/2015	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 08/30/2017	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 08/22/2016	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 08/08/2011	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 09/28/2016	Met

Records Reviewed: 46

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 09/28/2016	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 08/14/2017	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 06/08/2015	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 01/07/2019	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 01/27/2019	Met
Staff # 44 Date of Hire: 01/06/2017	Met
Staff # 45 Date of Hire: 09/06/2016	Met
Staff # 46 Date of Hire: 09/01/2013	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 46

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2018

Corrected on 2/19/2019

.33(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed Health and Safety orientation for the employee on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 2/19/2019

.33(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the employees to have 10 or more hours of training for the 2018 calendar year.

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)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.