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Date: 11/18/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:45 AM

Departure: 3:40 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.
11/18/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/08/2019	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
Single	A/1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Single	B/2L	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	C/3L/PreK 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	27	C	Nap
Single	D/1R	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	E/2R	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	PreK	2	21	C	25	C	36	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				
Total # Children this Date: 91			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG/A Left	27	C
Single	PG/B Middle	69	C
Single	PG/C Right	76	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/18/2019

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.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

Lisa Rickerson, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.12(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment were observed to be used in a safe and appropriate manner on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that equipment and furniture were observed to be free from hazardous conditions on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met
Child # 9	Met
Child # 10	Met
Child # 11	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 12	Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure children's files contained all required information, especially the addresses for release persons.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2019

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.19(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all rooms were observed to be operating within licensed capacity on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed on this date:

- Room B/2L – Plastic bags were observed accessible to children in a child’s cubby and in an unsecured cabinet under the diaper changing table on this date.
- Room C/3L/PreK1 – Plastic bags, a broom, and a dust pan were observed accessible to children in an unsecured closet on this date.
- Room D/1R – A plastic bag was observed accessible to children in a child’s cubby on this date.
- Room E/2R – A broom and staff bags were observed accessible to children in an unsecured closet on this date.
- Room F/3R/PreK2 – A dust pan, a broom, a staff’s bag, and plastic bags were observed accessible to children in an unsecured closet on this date. A plastic bag and a bottle of hand sanitizer was observed in a child’s backpack accessible to children hanging underneath a child’s cubby on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2019

Recited on 11/18/2019

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.25(17) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the center premises was observed to be free of plants and shrubs which were poisonous or hazardous on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure all toilets have caps covering the bolts connecting the toilets to the floor in all bathrooms on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined, based on observation, that 3 of 18 swing chains on Playground B and 24 of 24 swing chains on Playground C were observed to be rusted on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2019

Recited on 11/18/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.15(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that infants were observed to be strapped in feeding chairs, as required, on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the diaper changing surfaces were observed to be smooth and nonporous on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for the field trip taken October 31, 2019 to the Columbia County Animal Services on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019**Corrected on 11/18/2019****.36(4)(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the interior of the vehicles used for routine transportation were observed to be clean, in safe repair, and free of hazardous items and objects on this date.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2017

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2018

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/05/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all employees had satisfactory criminal records check determinations on file dated within 12 months of hire on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2019

Corrected on 11/18/2019

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all employees had satisfactory criminal records check determinations on file dated within 12 months of hire 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) Met

Comment

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