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Date: 8/26/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:20 PM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

CCLC-38871

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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.
08/26/2019	Monitoring Visit	Support	
07/03/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/06/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B	Infants	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	C- Back	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 29						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	85	C

Comments

August 26, 2019- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and follow-up on previous citations, from visit conducted on May 1, 2019.

8/29/19- A follow up visit was conducted on this date, to review the formal Plan of Improvement with the Center Director/Owner. Consultants conducted a check of staff child ratios and updated the report accordingly. Consultant also discussed transportation requirements with Center Director/Owner.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/09/2019

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

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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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.35 - Consultant discussed with Director regarding the inflated wading pool on the playground. Provider should ensure that pool is inaccessible, while not in use. The wading pool measured to be less than two ft. in depth.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with Director, ensuring the children not gain access to the alarm system cord, while going to and from the bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

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 Consultant's observation, that the fence pole, on the far right playground, facing the parking lot, is in bad repair, in that the top pole was disconnected from the fence.

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Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

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 Consultant's observation, that two bucket swings were broken and not in good repair, on the far left playground area.

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Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on Consultant's observation, that the fall zone around the yellow and blue climber, has less than three inches of resilient surface.

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Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with Director, that the tree towards the back of the playground, near the fence, be treated for ants, to avoid potential risk to children.

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Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to 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. It was determined based on Consultant's observation, that there was exposed concrete throughout the playground. It was also determined based on Consultant's observation, that the wood barriers around the play area were rotting and not in good repair. Consultant also observed a nail sticking out from a wood beam around the play area.

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Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on Consultant's observation, that four bottles were not labeled with the child's name, in the infant Classroom C.

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Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(4) - Consultant discussed with Director regarding a cracked feeding chair in the ones and twos Classroom A. Consultant recommended discarding of the high chair, which was not in use on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on Consultant's observation, that the changing pad, in the one's and two's Classroom A, had a tear on the left corner of the pad.

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Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

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

The Provider stated that they currently do not dispense/administer medication on this date..

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.13 - 8-29-19 - On this date, Consultant discussed with the Center Owner the transportation and field trip rule requirements for picking up and dropping off children. The Center Owner stated that one of one children observed by Consultants to be transported by the Center on this date, was a relative. Consultant stated to the Center Owner, that any children transported by the Center requires the Center to follow and comply with all transportation rules. The Center Owner stated to Consultants that as of this date, the Center will no longer transport children. Consultant stated to Center Owner that prior to any possible future transportation or field trips conducted by the Center, the Center must contact the Department to discuss transportation rules and requirements. The Center Owner stated that the Center will comply accordingly.

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(1)(a) - 8-29-19 - On this date, Consultant discussed with the Center Owner the transportation rule requirements for picking up and dropping off children. The Center Owner stated that one of one children observed by Consultants to be transported by the Center on this date, was a relative. Consultant stated to the Center Owner, that any children transported by the Center requires the Center to follow and comply with all transportation rules. The Center Owner stated to Consultants that as of this date, the Center will no longer transport children. Consultant stated to Center Owner that prior to any possible future transportation conducted by the Center, the Center must contact the Department to discuss transportation rules and requirements. The Center Owner stated that the Center will comply accordingly.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Consultant discussed with Staff member and Director, the importance of using the correct size crib sheet, to ensure the mattress lays flat and does not come up on the corners. Consultant did not observe the crib to be in use and Staff stated that the crib is not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant verified four out of four valid and current Satisfactory Comprehensive Checks. During a follow-up visit conducted 8-29-19, Consultant observed and verified five (5) of five (5) valid and current Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Checks.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on Consultant's observation, the one's and two's classroom was left out of ratio. Consultant observed one teacher left with 13 students, while Co-Teacher went to the restroom for approximately two minutes.

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Comment

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