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Date: 2/8/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-46662

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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.
02/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/14/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
10/15/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-2L - Early 4		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2	PreK	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-3L-Afterschool	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	17	C	23	C	Art,Centers
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3	PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds	3	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					
Total # Children this Date: 186			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C
Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two-Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One-Year-Old	19	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 8, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 16, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/08/2021

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

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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. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through 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: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure children's files contained all required information, as one of five children's files reviewed was lacking the work addresses and phone numbers for the parents on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2021

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2021**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2021

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.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****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 a second physical check of the vehicles used for routine transportation was not documented at the end of the morning routes. Following the first check of the vehicle, the center's practice was to call the center by phone and report that the vehicle was empty when staff were present at the center instead of completing a physical check of the vehicle, which was required.

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: 2/9/2021

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/21/2020****Corrected on 2/8/2021**

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on staff statement and observation, in that staff stated and it was observed that infants were not allowed to sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 40**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/26/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2002

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2012

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2009

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2006

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2003

Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/23/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/04/2015	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 10/26/2020	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/23/2006	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 04/10/2018	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/25/2020	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 01/29/2019	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 01/23/2017	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/06/2013	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 03/28/2018	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 10/23/1995	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 08/22/2017	Met

Records Reviewed: 40

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 02/12/2021	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 01/12/2021	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 01/14/2000	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 09/09/2020	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 04/02/2019	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 01/28/2020	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 02/03/2004	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 23

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**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual walk through.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2021