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Date: 6/26/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-47715

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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.
06/26/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/06/2019	POI 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
Building 2	A - Infants - 18 mths	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	B - 18 mths - 2 yrs	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	C1 - 3 yrs - 4 yrs	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	C2 - 5 yrs - 13 yrs		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Main	A - All ages	One Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- all ages	Infants	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 32		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground	34	C
Main	All Ages	7	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/26/2019

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.decal.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@decal.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://decal.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.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 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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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.

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

Not Met

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 there was inadequate resilient surface under the slides and climber in that 1-2 inches of wood chips was observed. Six inches of resilient surface material was required .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2019

Recited on 6/26/2019

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2019

Corrected on 6/26/2019

.26(9) - Previous cite corrected. Please ensure the area maintained completely covered. It was suggested that rubber or foam be added over the concrete prior to covering it with dirt and mulch.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2019

Corrected on 6/26/2019

.15(2)(a) - Previous cite corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)5. requires passenger transportation checklists be maintained as Center records for one year. It was determined based on observation that the home transportation checklist for the week of June 17, 2019 not maintained on site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain passenger transportation checklist for one year as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2019

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 Date of Hire: 01/10/2018	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 02/12/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 11/08/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/08/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/08/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/24/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/30/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 04/24/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/24/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 1 file for employees hired since last visit.

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.