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Date: 9/24/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:25 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

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Bright Promises of Hartwell

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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.
09/24/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/13/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/04/2019	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	A-1R Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	B-1L Back	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-1L front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-Left hall 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	21	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-left hall back	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back left Playground	25	C
Main	Back Right Playground	14	C
Main	Front Playground	55	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 4, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/24/2019

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/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.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

Nina Smith, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation the following equipment were in need of repair:

- Classroom D-Left Hall 1R – The red and brown refrigerator door was missing a handle and the gray and blue stove was missing four knobs in the kitchen area located on the back-left side of the classroom.
- Classroom B-1L Back – The red and gray kitchen sink was missing two faucets and one knob located on the back-right side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The center will also monitor furniture and equipment for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Recited on 9/24/2019

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.25(3) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that the torn screen had been corrected to prevent a potential entrapment hazard.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all playground equipment to be in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the playground was free of all litter and hazards. The center will continue to routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards as needed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2003	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/1994	
Staff # 6	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 3 files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2019**Corrected on 9/24/2019****.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed 50% of staff members to have evidence of a current first aid and CPR training card on file.**

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 4/3/2019****Corrected on 9/24/2019****.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff to have completed the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment.**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(6) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #10, date of hire documented for August 1,2017, did not complete the required 10 hours of annual training for the year 2018.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Recited on 9/24/2019

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) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that children under three-year-old were housed with children over the age of three-year-old in classroom D-left hall 1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that all children in the center were adequately supervised.