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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.
03/10/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/02/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/02/2019	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					
Main	A1-Infants	Infants	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	A3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	A4-3 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	A5-4 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA						
Main	A6-4 year olds	PreK	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	A7-School Age		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA						
Main	B1-Infants	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	B2-1 year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	B4-2 year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	13	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0									
Total # Children this Date: 104						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C
Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C

Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C
Main	PA 5- Back	21	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/10/2020

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.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

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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(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on consultants observation in classroom B2 a variety of toys were stored in the closet not accessible to children and classroom A7 did not have a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on consultants observation in classroom B4 the ventilation system in the girls bathroom was not working. It was determined based on consultants observation the bathroom light were not working in classroom A4-boys, B3-boys.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2020

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) **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 consultant observation in classroom A7 a bleach bottle was stored under the sink with a broken lock.

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: 3/10/2020

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 consultants observation on Playground 1 the equipment was chipping paint on the handle bars of the red merry-go-round bike and the blue four way bouncer.

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: 3/20/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 12/17/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on consultants observation in classroom B4 there was one staff member and ten two-year-olds and three three-year-olds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.