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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 2/24/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:20 PM    **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-52880**

**Belles and Beaus Childcare Center**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
02/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/17/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

  

<b>Good Standing</b>	- Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
<b>Support</b>	- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
<b>Deficient</b>	- 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	Room A	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Room D	Infants and One Year Olds	3	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Total # Children this Date: 44			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	17	C
Main	Playground B	71	C

**Comments**

An in-person visit was completed on this date. The Director stated that the program does not provide routine transportation or swimming activities. The Director was asked to submit Administrative Review documents in Decal Koala my March 3, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/24/2022

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



**Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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](mailto: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)

April Rhodes, Program Official

Date

Laura Johnson, Consultant

Date



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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

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

#### Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

#### 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: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2021**

Corrected on 2/24/2022

.08(1) - This citation was corrected. Child files reviewed were observed complete.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that 13 children were housed in Classroom C and the classroom has a licensed capacity of 11 children at 35 square feet.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(5) - Spoke with the Director about moving the preschool aged children to Playground B to prevent the infants and toddlers having access to the large area of concrete available on Playground B.

**Correction Deadline: 3/26/2022**

**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 observation that the ground was not level inside the concrete circle presenting a potential tripping hazard on Playground B for the children in care. Additionally, the power braker box door was open and present to the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will level out the ground inside the concrete circle to prevent potential tripping hazards to the children in care. The center will ensure that power braker boxes are secure and not available to the children in care. The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2021**

Corrected on 2/24/2022

.15(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. All infants had a current infant feeding plan posted.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Organization**

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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that on February 24, 2022, 13 diapered children were being cared for in Classroom D a room licensed for non-diapering children. The center did not submit an application for an amendment to change the use of the classroom as requested.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted by the center.

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022**

**Recited on 2/24/2022**

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**Safety**

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

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation that napping children were observed sleeping on cots with no sheet or similar covering for the cots in classrooms A, B, and C. Children were observed sleeping with a blanket or light covering.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 7** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/16/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/24/2022	
<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/23/2022	
<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2021**

**Corrected on 2/24/2022**

**.14(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that all employees had evidence of certification in CPR and First Aid as required.**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2021**

**Corrected on 2/24/2022**

**.33(3) - This citation was corrected. A review of records showed that all employees had completed the Health and Safety Orientation as required,**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.