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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/8/2021 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 3:05 PM

CCLC-52204

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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.
11/08/2021	POI Follow Up	Support	
09/30/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/08/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	A-1	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A-2		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-3	One Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-4	Two Year Olds	10	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- Cafe		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-5		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-6	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G-7		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-8		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-9	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 28

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	52	C
Main	B- Left	80	C
Main	C- Rear	38	C

Comments

Complaint in-progress on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/08/2021

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.al.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



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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

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.al.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://dec.al.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)

Grant Paula, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.03(13) - Correction observed on this date. Schedules were posted for after school care and virtual days.

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(4)(c) - Correction observed on this date. Fire extinguisher was observed in the vehicle.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that on November 8, 2021, children had been transported without using seat belts or car seats

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2021

Recited on 11/8/2021

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(4)(f)2. - Correction observed on this date. The children were transported in a 15 passenger vehicle. There were only 12 children present.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(7)(a) - Correction observed on this date. The vehicle had information about the children and the center on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(7)(b) - Correction observed on this date. Emergency information records were observed on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(7)(c) - Correction observed on this date. The vehicle had a passenger transportation checklist.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(7)(c)1 - Correction observed on this date. Passenger checklist was on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction observed on this date. Checks were completed as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.36(7)(d)1. - Correction observed on this date. Checks were completed as required.

Finding

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.36(7)(d) requires the vehicle be thoroughly checked first by a designated Staff person who was present on the vehicle during the trip and then by a second designated Staff person, who may or may not have been present on the vehicle during the trip. It was determined based on observation that on September 8, 2021, the vehicle had not been checked thoroughly first by a designated Staff person who was present on the vehicle during the trip and then by a second designated Staff person.

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle 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; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on observation that on November 8, 2021, the vehicle had not been checked by a first or second person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Center will ensure that the vehicle is thoroughly checked by a staff person who was present on the vehicle during the trip and also checked by a second staff person.

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: 11/15/2021

Recited on 11/8/2021

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.36(7)(d)2. - Correction observed on this date. Checks were completed as required.