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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 12/14/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:35 AM

**CCLC-53568**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
12/14/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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.

**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- 6wk-12mths		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 2 yrs		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 1's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- 2's Potty Trained only		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 3-5 yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Pre-K		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	G- 3-5 yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	H- 3-5- yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-3-5 years		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	J- 3-5 yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playgorund A - 6 wks- 2 yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 3-5 yrs	56	C

### Comments

There were no children present on this date. Facility is currently not operating. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. An Administrative Review was conducted on December 4, 2020. Staff files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on December 14, 2020. The exit conference was conducted virtually on December 14, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with the Director. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection and discussed during the exit conference. A Temporary License was issued on this date, Final License pending Certificate of Occupancy and proof of Water/Sewer services.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/14/2020

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.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.

