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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/15/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:55 AM

Departure: 10:55 AM

CCLC-47715

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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.
11/15/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/20/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/14/2020	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
Building 2	A - Infants - 18 mths	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	B - 18 mths - 2 yrs		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	C1 - 3 yrs - 4 yrs	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 2	C2 - 5 yrs - 13 yrs		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department	
Main	A - All ages		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- all ages		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request	
Total # Children this Date:			14	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		86	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground	34	C
Main	All Ages	7	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 15, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 15, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/15/2021

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.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

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)

charlene simmons, 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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a variety of equipment was observed. Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting with the Director this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the program observed to be compliant with the licensed capacity.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there were no hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Please be mindful when menu planning of the restrictions. Please ensure raw carrots are not served to children under four years of age.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through diapering was not directly observed. The Director stated proper knowledge this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through hand washing was not directly observed however, the Director stated proper knowledge of the rules this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through 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**

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.36(4)(a) - Previous cite corrected. The center was not currently conducting transportation and had not conducted transportation for the last twelve months.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.36(6) - Previous cite corrected. The center was not currently conducting transportation and had not conducted transportation for the last twelve months.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.36(7)(b) - Previous cite corrected. The center was not currently conducting transportation and had not conducted transportation for the last twelve months.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it was discussed that there were no infant children currently in care.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2017	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined during an administrative review that the Criminal Background Check letter for a staff person hired in September 2021 was not electronically ported. The letter was still within portability.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2021

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2020

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.14(3) - Previous cite corrected. During an administrative review the center was observed to have 100% staff certified in CPR and First Aid.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2020

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.31(1)(b)2. - Previous cite corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I)-(VIII) requires the Center develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's who do not possess the educational credential or degree listed in 591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.(i) through (xii). It was determined based on a telephone conversation with the Director concerning staff credentials that no plan was on file for four staff. Written professional development plans were required due to the staff not having credentials on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's and ensure that the teacher's follow the plan.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2021

Recited on 11/15/2021

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.