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<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.
Date	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/09/2017	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	<p><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

**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 year	One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 2 year	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- 4 year	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- 3 year	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	62	C

**Comments**

Congratulations! You have been granted permission to operate.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/09/2017

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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.

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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](mailto: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.

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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)

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Vicki Baird, Program Official

Date

Wakisha Newton, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

#### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

Met

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

#### Facility

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

Met

**Comment**

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed-Fluff/Redistribute Surface

**Comment**

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

#### Food Service

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

Met

**Comment**

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

Met

**Comment**

Kitchen Appears Clean/Well Organized

## Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required operable windows. It was determined based on observation windows used for ventilation in room A did not have a screen.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable windows is provided in each diapering area.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2017**

### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Per director, the center does not dispense medication.

## Organization

### 591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.16(a) prohibits the operation of a child care learning center without a license. It was determined based on observation that the center had no valid license and was operating at the time of the inspection.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will cease operation until such time a valid license is secured

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2017**

## Policies and Procedures

### 591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

#### Comment

Reminder-Signs Posted/Up to Date

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

#### Comment

No Animals Kept

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

#### Comment

No Field Trips at This Time

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined that the center did not have enough cots to meet the capacity of the center. 47 cots were observed and 56 are needed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib.

**Correction Deadline: 2/10/2017**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(d) requires each Employee and Center Director hired on or after January 1, 2014 to have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination with a Records Check Clearance date that is within 12 months of their hire date. In order for the Department to issue a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination, each Employee and Director must submit both a Fingerprint Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on observation that five staff had expired satisfactory letters on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each director and employee hired after January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination dated within 12 months of the hire date and will submit the required documents to obtain the determination if they have not already done so. The center completed the new cogent process. They submitted the background application to the department on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2017****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid that is conducted by certified or licensed health care professionals and deals with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. In addition, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff shall have completed such training at any given time. It was determined based on review of staff files that the center did not have staff with current first aid and CPR.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2017**

## Staffing and Supervision

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

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision

**Comment**

Supervision Plan was created for the toddler restroom. The restroom is located outside of the classroom.