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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.
03/10/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/31/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/27/2016	Licensing Study	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	1st Left(left side)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	2ndLeft(left side)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	3Lft HeadStart		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
Main	Far Back Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					107	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			107	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	13	C
Main	Preshool/School Age	82	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/10/2017

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).



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- 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://decga.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)

Kelli Morris, Program Official

Date

Patty Malone, Consultant

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

N/A

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

#### Children's Records

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

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Records Complete/Well Organized

**591-1-1-.23 Parental Authorization**

Met

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

#### Facility

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

Met

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Not Met

**Comment**

The consultant discussed fluffing and redistributing the resilient surface.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. It was determined based on observation that there was chipping paint on the black tunnel, the handle of the red spinner, the yellow metal car and the black metal car on the Preschool/School Age Playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will repaint or remove the equipment containing chipping paint.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2017**

**Recited on 3/10/2017**

**Correction Deadline: 11/14/2016**

**Corrected on 3/10/2017**

.26(7) -

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper hand washing practices.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.21(3) - The consultant observed documentation of the required emergency drills.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2017**

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

**Comment**

Staff stated that redirection is used to assist with difficult behaviors.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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

**Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper SIDS practices.

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**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The consultant reviewed eight staff files. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

**Comment**

The consultant observed documentation for over 50% of staff certified in CPR and First Aid.

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2017**

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

**Comment**

The consultant reviewed documentation of the Health and Safety Orientation training for all staff required to have the training completed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2016**

**Corrected on 3/10/2017**

**.33(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Documentation of annual training for 2016 was observed.**

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**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

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision