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Date: 7/18/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

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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.
07/18/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/03/2017	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/31/2016	POI Follow Up	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	1L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	33	C	47	C	Field Trip	
Main	1Rt	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Nap, Floor Play	
Main	2L Back	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	2L Front	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	2R		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	3R	One Year Olds	2	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	4R	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	Center Lf side	Five Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	29	C	Art	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					171	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					194
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			171	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			194	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	LF Side Rear	175	C
Main	Playground RT FT	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up on the previous visit from January 2017.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/18/2017

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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.

- 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.

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)

Frank Akers, Program Official

Date

LaQuita Clark, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Equipment and furniture were observed to be properly secured on this date.

Technical Assistance

Discussed with administrative personnel to be watchful of the white/green cabinet in the 4th R Room and the white/yellow cabinet in the 3rd R Room. The cabinets have areas present at the top of the cabinet that could present a potential hazard.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Met

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Met

Comment

Playground was observed following rain. Discussed with administrative personnel to ensure that the mulch is refluffed and redistributed.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2017

Corrected on 7/18/2017

Previous citation has been corrected in that playground equipment was observed to be in good repair without peeling paint.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Discussed with administrative personnel that all medication must be in the original container with a prescription label.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(2) requires that written authorization to dispense medication is limited to two weeks unless otherwise prescribed by a physician or authorized under Georgia law. Medication shall only be dispensed out of its original container which must be labeled with the child's name or as authorized under Georgia law. It was determined, based on observation, that an epi-pen was not accompanied by a prescription label on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train all Staff on the medication requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Not Met

Comment

Proper transportation procedures were observed to be followed on this date during a field trip.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined, based on review of field trip documentation, that times of arrival and departure were not completely documented as follows:

- Time of return to the center was not documented following a field trip to Matt Community Park on July 13, 2017
- Time of return to the center was not documented following a field trip to Movies 400 on July 13, 2017
- Time of departure from Movies 400 was not documented on July 13, 2017

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

Finding

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 review of field trip documentation, that a signature documenting that a first check was completed when children loaded the vehicle from a field trip to Movies 400 on July 13, 2017 was not present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 7/18/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person 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; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined, based on review of field trip documentation, that a signature documenting that a second check was completed when children unloaded the vehicle from a field trip to Movies 400 on July 13, 2017 was not present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 7/18/2017

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Discussed with staff to ensure that crib mattresses are covered with tight fitting sheets. Loose fitting sheets were observed on unoccupied cribs on this date.

Comment

Safety approved cribs were observed on this date. Staff were observed to follow safe sleep procedures.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal Records Checks were complete. The assistant director provided eight files for staff hired since the previous visit.

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

Comment

Observed-100% Certified First Aid & CPR

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

Comment

Observed complete documentation of health and safety orientation. Please remember that new staff have 90 days from their date of hire to obtain health and safety orientation training.

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

Met

Comment

Lead staff education requirements were met.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision