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Date: 8/4/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 11:35 AM

CCLC-289

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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. 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.
08/04/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/02/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/04/2016	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
Main	Downstairs Front Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Downstairs Rear Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs 1st Left		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Left		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Rear Right	Three Year Olds	1	1	C	11	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Two	Downstairs Room-PreK	PreK	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Two	Upstairs Room-PreK	PreK	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and follow-up to the previous visit on March 2, 2017.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/04/2017

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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O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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@decga.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://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)

Michael Wall, Program Official

Date

Twylah Tyner, Consultant

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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

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2017

Corrected on 8/4/2017

Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. All gates on the playground were closed and secured on this date.

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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation of consultant that the wooden climbing structure posed a tripping hazard in that the platforms are not adequately secured and platform material is deteriorated and splintering. In addition, the material on ladders are also deteriorating and splintering. Also, consultant observed peeling paint on blue metal play structures located on the playground that posed a hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

No diapered children enrolled in program.

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

Comment

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

Comment

Director stated the center not currently administering medication.

Safety

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

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

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

No infants enrolled in program.

Observed appropriate number of mats for children enrolled

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory criminal records check for the Director, each Employee and each Provisional Employee of the Child Care Learning Center for the duration of their employment plus one year, such evidence must be made immediately available to the Department upon request. It was determined based on review of staff files that two of six employees did not have evidence of satisfactory criminal records check on file at the Center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that valid evidence of satisfactory CRC's are maintained and are immediately available to the Department for the duration of the Employees employment plus one year.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2017

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

Discussed - Obtain Documentation

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Lead staff meet education requirements

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-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff