



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/26/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 8:40 AM

**Departure:** 1:35 PM

**CCLC-30304**

**Imagination Station #1**

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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.
10/26/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2016	Complaint Closure	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	One Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Floor Play
Main	1st Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3rd Right		0	0	C	51	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Right Back	PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	5th Back Left		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	5th Right Back	PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Back Gym area		0	0	C	116	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 348

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 61

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left side-raceway	32	C
Main	Main playground-back	179	C
Main	Right Side	10	C

**Comments**

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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**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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)

Melissa Patterson, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with the director the need to monitor the infant classrooms to ensure that the top portion of the cribs are latched to prevent children from pinching their fingers or hands.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Secure Cleaning Tools Out of Reach

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure children's bags are checked upon arrival.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present:

Left side raceway:

The bottom of the fencing around the air condition units had sharp metal pieces accessible to children.

Main:

The 1st section of the front left side metal fence was not attached at the bottom with sharp metal pieces accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. The center will repair the bottom of fencing so no sharp metal pieces are accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2017**

**Correction Deadline: 3/25/2017**

**Corrected on 10/26/2017**

**.26(7) - Correction observed on this date. Resilient surface met requirements.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were on the playground:

Main:

4 of 4 swing chains were rusted.

Tree roots were exposed posing a tripping hazard.

A hole measuring 15"L x 10"W x 5"D was to the left of the red bench in the back right corner.

Left Side raceway:

1 blue tricycle had rust present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. Spray tree roots or cover with resilient surface to prevent tripping hazard. Cover the hole beside the red bench and cover or spray paint the rusted swing chains. The center will sand and repaint the blue tricycle.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2017**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Feeding Forms Updated

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

Ensure Storage in Airtight Containers

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/23/2016****Corrected on 10/26/2017****.07(2) - Correction observed on this date.**

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

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

No medications administered per the director.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals Clean/Appropriately Caged

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

**Comment**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Observed drivers to have the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 11/5/2017**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Three hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Observed-50% Certified First Aid & CPR

**Comment**

Reminder-Replace/Add Item

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

**Comment**

Lead staff education requirements met.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff

**Correction Deadline: 8/23/2016**

**Corrected on 10/26/2017**

**.32(7) - Correction observed on this date.**