



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/20/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-31574**

**Polka-Dots Early Childhood Development Center**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/20/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/20/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

**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.

**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/Red	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	B/Blue	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	24	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	C/Green	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D/Yellow		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E/Orange	One Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	One	37	C

**Comments**

Director showed documentation that the painting of the playground equipment and the resilient surface would be replaced on Septmeber 23, 2017.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/20/2017

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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@decga.gov](mailto: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)

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Carolyn Byrd, Program Official

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Date

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Penny Svenson, Consultant

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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)**

**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**

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined based on observation in the outdoor play area that the following were observed:

The three swing chains on the upper playground were rusted.

A net was attached to the monkey bars and swing set posing a choking hazard on the upper playground..

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 there was an active ant bed around the base of the tree near the yellow bus. Further, there was two inches of mulch under the swings and monkey bars when six inches was required. In addition, there was rust and chipping paint on the red merry go round and the red sit and ride tricycle equipment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the playground, the center will sand and repaint the chains and also remove the net.

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.

The center director showed documentation for the equipment to be painted on September 23, 2017.

**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2017**

**Recited on 9/20/2017**

**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**

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

**Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2017**

**Corrected on 9/20/2017**

**Corrected on this date.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Correct number of mats observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 9**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/01/2017

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 09/05/2005

**Records Reviewed: 9**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 04/29/2015	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 11/01/2010	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/01/2015	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/06/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 04/17/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/31/2010	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/09/2010	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2017**

**Corrected on 9/20/2017**  
**Correction observed on this date.**

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<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**  
Observed-100% Certified First Aid & CPR

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<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**  
Lead staff education requirements

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**  
Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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<b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**  
Observed-Adequate Supervision