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Date: 10/13/2017 VisitType: Complaint Closure from visit on 10/13/2017	Arrival: 8:30 AM Departure: 12:35 PM
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Com	pliance Zone Desig	nation	<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	
10/13/2017	Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	standing, suppor	t, and deficient Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting
10/13/2017		Good Standing	rules.	- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting
08/03/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

#### Comments

#### Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.

**Reminder:** <u>All</u> employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <u>www.decalkoala.com</u>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(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@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: <u>http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</u>

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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Petra Ray, Program Official

Date

Candace Gilbert, Consultant

Date

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

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

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# **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on consultant's review of records and staff statements during the course of an investigation that not all children are being signed in and signed out by a parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

# Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017

# Staffing and Supervision

Not Met

**Children's Records** 

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

## Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on consultant's review of records, staff interviews and staff obtained during the course of an investigation, that on October 9, 2017 a three-year-old child was left in the restroom of Suite 400 unsupervised from approximately 5:52 PM to approximately 6:30 PM. A review of records and staff statements indicate that on October 9, 2017 at approximately 6:15 pm the father came to pick up the three-year-old child and was told by staff that the child had been signed out by the child's teacher at 5:52 pm and had been picked up by the child's mother. The father left the center and returned to the center approximately 10 minutes later, around 6:30 pm, stating that the three-year-old child had not been picked up by the mother. The staff member and the father found the child alone in the bathroom of Suite 400 with the lights off and the classroom empty.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017