



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/19/2017    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 4:50 PM

**CCLC-39789**

**Little Happy Feet Early Learning Center**

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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.
01/19/2017	Initial Licensing Study	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	Room A - 1R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - Rear Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	59	C

**Comments**

Permission to Operate was granted this date. No children are currently enrolled in the Center. The Center's total licensed capacity is limited to 20 children, per State Fire Marshal.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/19/2017

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- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

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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.

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Dianne Moss, Program Official

Date

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Iko Blackmon, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Director stated that no swimming activities will be provided.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Center's total licensed capacity is limited to 20 children, per State Fire Marshal.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(3) - Consultant obtained a signed and dated written supervision plan from the Center, regarding the front entrance/exit Playground route.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2017**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant obtained a signed and dated written supervision plan from the Center, regarding age-appropriate use of the blue stationary merry-go-round equipment, located on the rear right-side area of the Playground.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2017**

**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 Consultant observation, that the left-side playground entrance/exit porch and stair railing contained gaps on the front, left and right-side, which measured four (4) inches in width. It was also determined, based on Consultant observation, that two metal chains, which were attached to the footings of the climbing, sliding and swinging structure, located in the Center of the Playground, were exposed and posed a hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Director stated that gaps on the porch and stair railing will be enclosed with additional slats. The Director also stated that the footing and metal chains attached to the climbing, sliding and swinging structure, will be covered with plastic PVC piping. Further, the Director stated that both repairs will be completed by Sunday, January 29, 2017. Center Staff will also check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined, based on Consultant observation, that leaves and tree nuts were observed throughout the grounds of the outdoor play area, which posed a tripping and/or slipping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Director stated that maintenance will be conducted on the Playground by January 22, 2017, to ensure that leaves and tree nuts are removed. Additionally, the Director stated that regular Playground maintenance will be scheduled on a minimum weekly basis, or more often as needed due to weather and seasonal changes.

**Correction Deadline: 1/22/2017**

**Food Service****591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(2) makes the following requirements for the food preparation areas: 1) Center must have a designated space that is separate from rooms used by children; 2) food preparation area is not also used for diaper-changing; 3) area is kept clean and free of accumulated dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits; 4) ventilation is provided either by mechanical or natural means; 5) food preparation surfaces are nonporous with no unsealed cracks or seams; and 6) kitchen lights are shielded. It was determined, based on Consultant observation and measurement, that the Center did not meet requirements in that the food preparation area/kitchen door measured three (3) feet and five (5) inches, which is less than the required minimum four (4) feet in height.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Director stated that the Center will add additional materials/panels to the food preparation area/kitchen door, to meet the required minimum four (4) feet in height.

**Correction Deadline: 2/12/2017**

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

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Consultant discussed diapering procedures with Director on this date.

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

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Consultant discussed hand washing procedures with Director on this date.

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

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Consultant discussed documentation procedures and parental authorization forms with Director on this date.

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**Safety**

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

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Consultant discussed discipline with Director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Additionally, the Director stated that the Center will not conduct field trips. Consultant discussed proper field trip documentation and requirements with Director on this date.

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

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Additionally, the Director stated that the Center will not conduct routine Transportation. Consultant discussed Transportation requirements with Director on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Consultant observed four (4) of four (4) cribs, which met Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also observed the correct number of cots, which met requirements. Further, Consultant discussed Infant Safe-Sleep requirements and proper cleaning and storage of cots, with Director on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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

Consultant observed four (4) of four (4) Satisfactory COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letters, regarding the Center Owner/Director and Center Employees. Consultant also discussed Criminal Records Check requirements with Director on this date.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Consultant discussed proper staff: child ratios and group size with Director on this date.

**Comment**

No children are currently enrolled in the Center. Consultant discussed proper supervision and watchful oversight with Director on this date. Additionally, Consultant obtained a signed and dated written supervision plan, regarding the number of staff assigned to monitor the Infant-Toddler Classroom B.