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Date: 1/30/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-3105

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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.
01/30/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/03/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/25/2016	Complaint Investigation	Good Standing	

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	removed AM		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm A-1st L		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm B-1st R-hall	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,F eeding
Main	Rm C-Left entry-2's	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm D-Bk left	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	21	C	Centers,Art
Main	Rm E-end rm 4's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	32	C	Transitioning,Flo or Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	3's+	156	C
Main	infant-2's	43	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previously cited rule violations. Director stated that there have been seven new hires since last visit and those employee records were checked.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/30/2017

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(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: <http://decal.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)

Vickie Burt, Program Official

Date

Rena Keene, Consultant

Date



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

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2016

Corrected on 1/30/2017

.25(3) - Ceiling tiles had been replaced. Two tiles close to the door had some water stains from the storm which occurred locally on January 22, 2017.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Resilient material discussed for climbers. Please be sure that a minimum depth of three inches is maintained in the fall zone of this equipment which is five feet in height.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2016

Corrected on 1/30/2017

.26(7) - The swings are no longer in use and the center plans to remove the swings from the outdoor play area.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Comment

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures. Director stated that no medications are administered to children in child care.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2)(h) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. Please be sure that infants who fall asleep in the swing are immediately move to their cribs.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2017

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/19/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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 a review of staff records that four of seven new hires did not have evidence on file of a satisfactory criminal background check through fingerprinting or a local fingerprint check conducted within 10 days of employment or volunteer work at the center. Two volunteers who turned age 17 were not fingerprinted immediately after their seventeenth birthday and did not have evidence on file of a local clearance with a Purpose Code W. Two additional staff did not have evidence of satisfactory fingerprint checks. One of the four employees was hired on January 9, 2017 and a local check with a Purpose Code W was not obtained prior to beginning work and the Cogent fingerprint clearance letter has not been received. A one-day letter was left with director.

Note: A clearance letter was received for one of the employees during consultant's visit and the employee record was noted.

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. Results of the missing background checks will be faxed to consultant at 912-544-9926 as soon as they are received.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2017

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. Please be sure that when lead teachers who require credentials are hired that evidence of their qualifications are on file. If the employee does not have a degree or certificate which satisfies the credential requirement and college credits are used, then the transcripts must reflect courses that satisfy the requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2017

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision