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**Date:** 2/2/2017      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 1:10 PM      **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-36803**

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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.  <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.
02/02/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/11/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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/1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B/2R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C/2L	One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D/Middle		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	PreK	PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A/Back	31	C
Main	PG B/Front	92	C

**Comments**

Discussed health/safety orientation requirements

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/02/2017

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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**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.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.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.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.

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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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Sylvia Walker, Program Official

Date

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Mechelle Bethea, 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-.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: 5/11/2016**

**Corrected on 2/2/2017**

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant did not observe any hazardous items to be accessible to children on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2016**

**Corrected on 2/2/2017**

.25(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed electrical outlets to be covered.

**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 consultant's observation that the vinyl siding fence on the rear playground has broken siding throughout the fence.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

**Recited on 2/2/2017**

**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's observation the following safety hazards:

- rusted S hooks on infant swings on the rear playground
- chipped paint on the yellow and blue play structure on the rear playground

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

**Recited on 2/2/2017**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Diapering requirements discussed

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

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

**Comment**

Medications are not administered.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/16/2016**

**Corrected on 2/2/2017**

**.21(q)1.-6. - This citation was observed to be corrected.**

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on consultant's observation two holes on the back of the front passenger seat.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

**Recited on 2/2/2017**

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2017**

**Recited on 1/1/0001**

**Corrected on 2/2/2017**

.36(4)(e) - Per director the last row of seating on the vehicle is restricted and not utilized at this time.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(e) - Center will ensure the last row of seating on the vehicle is repaired prior to usage.

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2017**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Comment**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

**Staff Records**

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2016**

**Corrected on 2/2/2017**

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant reviewed satisfactory determination letters for all employees.

**Comment**

Health/Safety training reminder

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(4)-Staff training hours will be reviewed during the next licensing visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Staff will complete training.

**Correction Deadline: 6/10/2016**

**Staffing and Supervision****Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision