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Date: 2/14/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:15 PM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

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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. 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.
02/14/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/31/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/22/2016	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- 1 year	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Free Play
Main	B-6wks-6months	One Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-6-12 months	Infants	3	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	D-6wks-12months		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-3 & 4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Art
Main	F-2 & 3 years	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 59					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Right	20	C
Main	B Left	35	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/14/2017

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@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.

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)

Denise Carmichael, Program Official

Date

Jacquelyn Sims, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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

Comment

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

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 an observation, that the fence on the back playground measured between three feet nine three inches and three feet ten inches high.

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. Director observed the playground, as well, and stated that the center would make needed repairs.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2016

Corrected on 2/14/2017

.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed playground equipment to be free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2016

Corrected on 2/14/2017

.26(8) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the playground to be clean and free of litter and hazards.

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

Director stated that the center does not dispense medications.

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) Met

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

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

Comment

No new hires

Comment

Satisfactory criminal background checks observed for 17 of 17 employees.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision