

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 2/14/2017 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 4:25 PM

Licensing Study

**CCLC-3627** 

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Com	pliance Zone Desig	<u>nation</u>	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						
02/14/2017	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.  Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting						
09/19/2016	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	Support	the rules Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting					
09/14/2016	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	Deficient	<ul><li>rules.</li><li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li></ul>					

## Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Annex	#2 Front R-Prek		0	0	С	20	С	27	С	
Annex	Back	Three Year Olds	2	17	С	20	С	28	С	Outside
Annex	Open Area		0	0	С	23	С	32	С	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63 Total Capacity @25 ft.: 138				25 sq.				
Main	A Second Right		0	0	С	16	С	NA	NA	
Main	B Back Center	Two Year Olds	1	7	С	11	С	NA	NA	Nap,TV
Main	C First Left	One Year Olds	1	7	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,TV,Tra nsitioning
Main	D First Right	Infants	1	4	С	11	С	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
Main	E-Left/Cafe/office	PreK	2	22	С	27	С	NA	NA	Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 7	5		Total C ft.: 138	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 57 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 138 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138 ft.: 138

Playground Playground Building Playground Occupancy Compliance

## Comments

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

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- 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.

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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.

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)

Connie Holloway, Program Official	Date	Shamonica Sanders, Consultant	Date
Patty Malone, Consultant	Date		



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

## **Activities and Equipment**

## 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2)(a) requires that equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint. It was determined that the yellow bucket seats located in the cafe area had one of six seats with broken/cracked plastic at the front of the seat.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center director will develop/implement a system for informing center staff about identification of hazards and what to do when a hazard is identified.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

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

Met

## Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Facility** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2016

## Corrected on 2/14/2017

.19(1) - Correction, the classroom for the three-year-old's have been relocated to the Annex building back classroom to meet license space requirements.

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires that the Center and surrounding premises be clean, free of debris and in good repair. The following areas/items were found to be noncompliant:

Annex:Back Classroom: It was determined that three of seven light fixtures were missing covers for the ceiling lights. It was also determined the the sink located in the bathroom was inoperable and had a metal rod sticking out from the piping of the sink, chipping paint/sheet rock observed behind the two toilets in the bathroom, and a large insect was located underneath the sink in the bathroom.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the environment, the center will ensure to provide covers for the ceiling light fixtures, make necessary repairs to the chipping paint/sheet rock, sink in the bathroom, and treat the classroom for pest control.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

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

Not Met

## **Technical Assistance**

Discussed-Fluff/Redistribute Surface

## **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 observation, the following playgrounds had rust along the chain links of the fence. Infant/Toddler: It was determined based on observation, that the far right side and front chain links had rust along the panels of the fencing material.

Center Back Playground: It was determined based on observation, the back right portion of the chain links had rust along the panels.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will make the necessary repairs to replace the chain links of the fence to ensure the fence is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

## 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 observation, the center back playground was observed to have a orange/yellow finger paint station with a protruding nail of the left corner and chipping paint on the bars of the red merry-go-round. It was also determined based on observation, on the infant toddler playground a blue/white merry-go-round had broken plastic at the base of the equipment.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure the protruding nail at the orange/yellow finger paint station, make repairs to the chipping red paint on the bars of the merry-go-round. The center will also make repairs to the broken blue plastic on the merry-go-round on the infant/toddler playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2017

**Food Service** 

## 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

Ensure Feeding Forms Updated

## 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

**Not Met** 

## **Technical Assistance**

**Ensure Storage in Airtight Containers** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.18(6) makes the following requirements for the storage of garbage: 1) garbage must be stored in trash containers with lids; 2) containers must be emptied and cleaned as needed; 3) water and detergent or steam must be used for cleaning containers; and 4) areas around the outside containers must be kept clean. It was determined that the center did not meet requirements in that there was no lid provided for the garbage can located in the kitchen.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the proper storage of garbage, the center will ensure to add a lid for the garbage can.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

## **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-17(7)(a-d) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids; after contamination by any other means. It was determined that based on observation, children were observed to not wash their hands as required after coming from outside. There were five of twenty children observed to conduct hand washing after using the restroom when entering into the classroom from outside.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper handwashing by children, the center will ensure that all children conduct proper hand washing at the required times.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

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

Met

## Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

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

## 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

## Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

## 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. Annex Back Classroom: It was determined based on observation, there were three children without a cover/sheet provided for the cot for nap time. Back Center Classroom: It was determined based on observation, there were two of seven children without a cover/sheet provided for the cot for nap time.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a sheet/covering is provided for all children during nap times.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017

## **Finding**

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. It was determined based on the observation, there was two-month old infant observed a sleep in the swing for approximately twenty minutes.

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

The center will

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017

Staff Records

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

Met

### Comment

Criminal Records Check complete, reviewed fourteen background checks on this date.

## 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the new health and safety requirements and all staff meet CPR and First Aid requirements.

## Comment

Observed-50% Certified First Aid & CPR

# **Staffing and Supervision**

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

Met

### Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision

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

Met

## Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision