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**Date:** 2/14/2017    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:05 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-31259**

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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.
02/14/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/19/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/13/2016	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	1st Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1st Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- 3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infants	11	C
Main	B-School Age	23	C
Main	C-18M-4yrs	45	C

**Comments**

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

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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@decga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
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- 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://decga.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)

Vicky Brown, 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-.03 Activities** **Not Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant observed lesson plans to be posted in each classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(3)(c) requires the center to provide outdoor activities daily, weather permitting. It was determined based on an observation, that center staff did not provide outdoor activities as outlined in the daily schedule. Consultant also observed the weather to permit as it was pleasant and sunny outside.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will follow a schedule that allows for all groups to have daily outside play.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2016**

**Corrected on 2/14/2017**

.35(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the center is not currently participating in swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records** **Met**

**Comment**

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/19/2016****Corrected on 2/14/2017****.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed hazardous items to be placed out of reach of children in care.**

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

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.15(5) - Consultant observed a menu to be posted in the center.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017****Health and Hygiene**

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

When asked by the consultant, staff stated proper knowledge of diapering steps.

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Director stated that the center does not currently dispense medications.

**Organization**

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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires that the application for a License or Permit, application for a criminal records check and any other documents required by the Department be truthfully and fully completed. The Department had reason to believe that separation of employment was not completed truthfully. It was determined based on director's statement, that a separation notice was completed for an employee with a hire date of August 4, 2014 and never separated from employment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Consultant spoke with the director and asked that all documentation and information be truthful.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017****Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(q)1.6. - Consultant spoke with the director and asked that all infants enrolled at the facility have a signed copy of the safe sleep policy on file.

<b>Safety</b>
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**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

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30 - Consultant spoke with the director and asked that center staff keep a watch of mats for tears and exposed foam.

**Comment**

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.09 - Consultant observed satisfactory criminal background checks for seven of seven employees.

**Comment**

No new hires

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**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