



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/28/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 10:45 AM

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<u>Compliance Zone Designation</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 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.
02/28/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/27/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/07/2016	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	Back		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Main	Front room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	58	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/28/2017

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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.

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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)

Carmen Newberry, Program Official

Date

Haley Carwile, Consultant

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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)

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires the Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child. It was determined based on observation that the Center cared for eight children in a space that was licensed for four children. Upon arrival, eight children were in the middle room, then the director moved all eight children to the back room that is licensed for four.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

Recited on 2/28/2017

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

Met

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 that the following equipment was found to be hazardous on the playground:

- rusted swing chains and latches on the swings on the small swingset
- red toddler swing did not have a safety strap as required

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: 3/10/2017

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(3)(a) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper change surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad in the middle room was porous and could not be cleaned properly as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director responsible person(s) will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. The director will ensure Center Staff are trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2017

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

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Per director, no medicine has been administered at the facility.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Not caring for infants. Observed mats and sheets for all enrolled children on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

One staff hired since last visit

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/12/2016****Corrected on 2/28/2017****.31(2)(b) - Observed corrected.**

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that in the middle room there were two two year olds and seven one year olds with one staff member. The director moved one two year old to the front room for story time then returned her back to the middle room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure adequate Staff:child ratios in mixed age groups. The Center will ensure that ratios are met in each room at all times as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2017**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children except during early morning arrival and late afternoon departure times. Children under three years old were combined with older children at a time other than arrival/departure. It was determined based on observation that a two year old child was housed with three and four year old children at times other than arrival and departure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2017

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision