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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.
03/02/2017	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/02/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/19/2017	Monitoring Visit	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 1st Left	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Snack	
Main	B-2nd Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
Main	C 1st Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
Main	D 2nd Right	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Snack	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					76	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			76	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	562	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/02/2017

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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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@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.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.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)

Gladys Forner, Program Official

Date

Christina Mitchell, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Replace any missing turn handles for water in bathroom.

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(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 that one gate was still missing the closure pole and could not be closed completely.

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. Facility can use a four foot high temporary fence to section off the are of the fence that is missing as a temporary fix.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2017

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen is off site at school system

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

No children enrolled in diapers.

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. Children were observed to not wash their hands as required. It was determined that on March 2, 2017 that the boys and girls bathrooms did not have hot water so the children could wash hands with warm water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper handwashing by children, the center will provide warm water for handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8)(a-d) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined that on March 2, 2017 there was no warm water available for staff to wash their hands.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper handwashing by staff, the center will provide warm water for staff to wash their hands.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2017

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

Met

Comment

No medications given at this time.

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

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

Criminal Records Check complete. Eleven of eleven staff had a current fingerprint check letter on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Observed - Documentation Of Training. All eleven staff had the Health and Safety orientation completed.

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-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff