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Date: 3/14/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:15 AM **Departure:** 10:35 AM

CCLC-15964

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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.
03/14/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/16/2016	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/14/2016	Incident Investigation	Good Standing	

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.

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	Room 1 1st left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Flo or Play
Main	Gymnasium		0	0	C	140	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 10 4th Right		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 5 3rd Right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 6 1st Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Rm 7 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm 8 3rd Right		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 9 3rd Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	60	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/14/2017

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(j)(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)

Rita Baker, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

591-1-1-.23 Parental Authorization Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.23(a-f) require Parental authorization at the time of a child's enrollment for the following:

- (a) emergency medical care when the Parent is not available;
- (b) to dispense medication;
- (c) participation in field trips and special activities away from the Center;
- (d) participation in water related activities occurring in water that is more than two feet deep;
- (e) routine transportation to or from school, home or Center; and
- (f) pick up or drop off of a child by someone other than the Parent, including the names of such persons.

It was determined by review of records that the Center did not have the following Parental authorization on file for five of five children: Emergency medical care when the parent is not available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will have all required authorizations completed by the parents. Consultant left a copy of the BFTS enrollment form with the director.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017

Recited on 3/14/2017

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please continue to monitor the rugs for wear-replace or repair when needed.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2017**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires that the Center and surrounding premises be clean, free of debris and in good repair. It was determined that the following areas/items were found to be noncompliant:
Boys bathroom- the third counter covering under the sink was missing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the environment, the center will replace the missing covering in the boys bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2017**Recited on 3/14/2017**

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 observation that the left side fence on the second and third section the fence was not attached at the top nor at the pole between the second and third section.

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017**Correction Deadline: 11/21/2016****Corrected on 3/14/2017****.26(8) - Correction observed on this date. Swings are not being used. Landscaping was covered.**

Health and Hygiene

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

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Ensure Lids Remain on Trash Container

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

No medications given per the director. Discussed-documentation procedures.

Safety

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) **Met**

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017

Recited on 1/1/0001

Corrected on 3/14/2017

.30(1)(b)1 - Correction observed on this date. Cots worn were removed or repaired. New cots were also ordered.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2016

Corrected on 3/14/2017

.30(1)(b)4 - Correction was observed on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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 upon consultant's arrival that in 1st left classroom there was one teacher present with the following children present. Four, infants and three, one-year-olds. Another teacher needed to be present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure adequate Staff:child ratios in mixed age groups. The Center will move children to other rooms with available space or schedule more staff.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017

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

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision