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**Date:** 3/27/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:25 AM

**Departure:** 12:50 PM

**CCLC-35654**

**Tender Years Learning Center #8**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| 03/27/2017                         | Monitoring Visit                          | Good Standing |  |
| 08/24/2016                         | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study | Good Standing |  |
| 04/11/2016                         | 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-infant/toddler        | Infants and One Year Olds         | 1                               | 4        | C                             | 11                            | C  | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Feeding |
| Main                            | B-3's (R front)         | Three Year Olds                   | 2                               | 19       | C                             | 19                            | C  | NA         | NA           | Centers             |
| Main                            | C-2's (R bk)            | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2                               | 18       | C                             | 18                            | C  | NA         | NA           | Music               |
| Main                            | D-1's (mid L)           |                                   | 1                               | 0        | NC                            | 8                             | C  | NA         | NA           | Not In Use          |
| Main                            | E-2's (L end)           | Two Year Olds                     | 2                               | 14       | C                             | 16                            | C  | NA         | NA           | Circle Time         |
| Main                            | F-PRE-K (1,2,3 & stage) | PreK                              | 4                               | 36       | C                             | 74                            | C  | NA         | NA           | Centers             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145 |                         |                                   |                                 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |                               | Building capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations |            |              |                     |
| Total # Children this Date: 91  |                         |                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145 |          |                               | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |  |            |              |                     |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|          |            |                      |                       |

**Comments**

This Monitoring Visit is the second regulatory visit for Tender Years Learning Center # 8 this 2016 - 2017 fiscal year.

The consultant reviewed all staff files and finds a satisfactory fingerprint criminal records check determination letter on file for each employee.

The center currently has a two star Quality Rating.

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.



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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](mailto: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)

Jennifer McQuire, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, 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-.03 Activities

Met

#### Comment

The consultant's observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2017**

#### 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 based on the consultant's observation that a blue vinyl chair has a rip on the right arm rest, located in classroom C and accessible to the two-year-old children. Additionally, a white and purple chair was weathered and ripping, located in classroom F (B) and accessible to the Pre-K children.

#### 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: 3/27/2017**

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

Met

#### Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

#### Comment

Observed-Pool Not in Use-Gates Locked

### Facility

#### 591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

Reminder to keep all bathrooms readily supplied with required items (tissue paper).

**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that a dirty broom is being stored inside of classroom B and accessible to the three-year-old children. Additionally, a bottle of liquid Goo Gone cleanser is being stored in the left cabinet under the child hand washing sink inside of classroom C and accessible to the one-year-old children. The bottle of Goo Gone is labeled Keep Out of Reach of Children. Additionally two dirty brooms and one dust pan is being stored inside of classroom F (B) and accessible to the Pre-K children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center director will review rule 591-1-1-.25 (13) with all center staff and ensure hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored and have a resilient surface beneath the equipment. The fall-zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the left spiral slide located on the left side of the building has two inches of resilient surface where six inches are required. Additionally the large double slide located on the left side of the building has two inches of resilient surface where six inches are required. Additionally, the small double slide located on the left side of the building has two inches of resilient surface where six inches are required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that climbing and swinging equipment is anchored. The Center will develop and/or follow a plan for routine inspections of the resilient surface and for replacing when needed.

**Correction Deadline: 4/6/2017**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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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**

Observed-Complete Documentation

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 8/25/2016**

**Corrected on 3/27/2017**

**.36(4)(b) - The center has corrected by previous citation by covering the tears by a sheet on bus 404. Bus 405 is no longer in use. Bus 218 has two back rest and one seat cushion which has been taped. The taped areas do not pose any hazards to the children. The center director stated three of the four buses are in use. The director also stated that the corporation has order this center three new buses which should be received within the next couple of months.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Correct number of mats; disinfecting discussed

**Comment**

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff