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Date: 4/12/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

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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.
04/12/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/07/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/28/2016	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A-(Left, 1st LF)	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	B-Left, 2nd LF)	Two Year Olds	1	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C-(Left, 2nd RT)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play	
Main	D-(Left, 1st RT/Right Side)	One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	D-(LF, 1st RT, Left Side)	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	E-(Right 1st RT)	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	F-(Right Side End Room)	PreK	2	13	C	49	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					136	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 68			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			136	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (Preschool)	32	C
Main	Playground (School AGe Rt Side)	44	C
Main	Playground (Infant Toddler)	26	C

Comments

Follow up to the previous Licensing Study that was conducted on November 21, 2016 was completed on this date.

Discussed comprehensive criminal record checks with Director.
Health and safety orientation training was discussed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/12/2017

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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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.al.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.al.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)

Tammy Ledford, Program Official

Date

Colleen Covey, Consultant

Date



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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

Facility

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

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Comment

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Comment

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Safety

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

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

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

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete for all eighteen staff members employed on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined by consultant's observation that proper ratios were not maintained when a ratio of 1:13 existed in the two year old classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements. The center was under the impression that naptime ratios could be doubled. The consultant explained that only applies to children age three and older.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2017

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

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision