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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.
Date	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/26/2017	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	<p><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

**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		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	E		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-Arts/Activity Room		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	H		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	I		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	J		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	K		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	L-Dining Room		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	12	C
Main	B	43	C

**Comments**

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- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

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Ida Mendoza, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(3) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. Toys that launch projectiles, such as dart guns, pop guns, slingshots, etc., shall not be allowed in the Center, and balloons shall not be accessible to preschool children. It was determined based on observation that a variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and play materials were not stored on low open shelves in Rooms F, I and J. Room A had limited dramatic play and science/nature materials, Room B had a limited supply of science/nature materials, Rooms D and E lacked a variety of toys and materials for the toddler age children, dramatic play, books and science/nature materials.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children. Potentially dangerous toys will be removed from the classroom and Staff will monitor for these on an ongoing basis.

**Correction Deadline: 6/7/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(5) requires center staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on observation that Rooms D and E did not have a table or appropriately sized chairs for the toddlers.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will provide required equipment as noted.

**Correction Deadline: 6/7/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Facility**

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

Discussed adding a sturdy gate at the top of the staircase leading to/from the second floor.

**Comment**

Discussed ensuring that hazardous items are not stored under the diaper changing tables unless safety latches are installed. Discussed keeping air fresheners out of reach of children.

**Comment**

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(6) requires individually labeled and accessible storage for each child's personal items. It was determined based on observation that there were no cubbies or storage accessible for the one-year-old children in Rooms D and E, and cubbies/hooks for the school-age children in Rooms I, J and K upstairs.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will provide each child with individually labeled and accessible storage.

**Correction Deadline: 6/7/2017**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Discussed and corrected during the visit: maintaining the playgrounds free of active ant beds, removing pecans and rocks/pieces of cement from Playground B, and ensuring the fence does not have any gaps larger than 3 1/2 inches.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. It was determined based on observation that there was no shade other than the building provided on Playground A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify a safe route or method to reach any non-adjacent playground and submit it for approval. The Center will install structures to provide shade if there is not sufficient natural shade on the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 6/7/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined based on observation that a 4 inch hole was observed at the back right corner of the playground near the fence.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the playground, the center will fill in the hole and maintain playground in good condition.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2017**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen Appears Clean/Well Organized. Four sinks were available in the kitchen.

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Diapering requirements discussed and observed met during the visit. Discussed disinfecting requirements.

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

**Comment**

No children enrolled - hand washing discussed. Warm water, soap and paper towels observed at all sinks.

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

**Comment**

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

No children enrolled - discipline discussed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided. Discussed the requirements for transportation training if the center plans to add this service.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Cribs observed in Rooms D and E met CPSC regulations with a firm mattress and tight fitting bottom sheet. Mats observed met requirements, and sheets and covers were observed. Discussed that mats are required to be covered in some way if they are stored in the rooms, to prevent anyone from touching them.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete for four of four staff.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No children enrolled; proper ratios discussed.

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

**Comment**

Supervision Plan developed for the hall restrooms.