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**Date:** 7/13/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:50 PM

**CCLC-3606**

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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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
07/13/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/18/2017	Licensing Study	Support	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes	
Bldg III	A - Primary IV - Leftside		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Bldg III	B - Primary IV - Front		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Bldg III	C - Middle		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Bldg III	D - Lrg. Back - 3-6 yrs		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Main	A - Front Far Left (Office)		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	B - Back Left 18 mos-2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	C - Back 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside	
Main	D - Front 3 - 6 yrs		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA		
Main	E - Front Left - 3-6 yrs		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side	34	C
Main	Right Side	53	C
Main	Toddler Playground	5	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/13/2017

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- 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

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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.

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Maria Villegas, Program Official

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Date

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Patty Malone, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No unsecured equipment was observed on this date.

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

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - The consultant discussed ensuring that all potentially hazardous office supplies are stored out of reach of children in care.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed fluffing and redistributing the resilient surface in the fall zone areas.

**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 following fencing hazards were observed:

Left playground- A fence panel was unattached to the top fence bar beside the playground gate causing a four inch gap at the top of the fence.

Right playground- Rust was observed on the metal fencing, a fence panel on the left side of the playground was unattached to the top fence bar causing a six inch gap at the top of the fence, and the metal fence at the back left corner of the playground measured approximately two feet, nine inches on this date.

**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 in all areas, will repair any hazards, and will remove or cover the rust on the fence.

**Correction Deadline: 7/27/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous equipment was observed:

Left playground- Chipping paint was observed on two monkey bars, and two see saws.

Right playground- Chipping paint was observed on the swing posts, and the red metal train and car.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will repaint the equipment with chipping paint.

**Correction Deadline: 7/23/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad in classroom B had tears.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will replace the diaper changing pad.

**Correction Deadline: 7/13/2017**

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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)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Staff stated that the center has not administered any medications since the last visit.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

The center does not care for infants or any children requiring an infant crib.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

The consultant reviewed six staff files. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

The consultant observed documentation of health and safety training for 100% of staff required to complete the training.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center staff were observed to meet this standard on this date.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - The consultant discussed the requirements when mixing ages.

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

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision