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Date: 7/18/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:55 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
07/18/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/13/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/13/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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- front right	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B1 1 Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B2 - front left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C - back right	Infants	2	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	D - back left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E1-far bck	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E2 Far bck front	One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Preschool Playground	58	C
Main	Toddler	14	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/18/2017

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@decga.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://decga.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)

Linda Cooper, Program Official

Date

Ashley Cunningham, 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
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Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2017

Corrected on 7/18/2017

.25(11)- Previous citation corrected.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that the grass is trimmed around the mushroom play structure in the back.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

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-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not dispense medication

Safety

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

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: 3/14/2017

Corrected on 7/18/2017

.36(6) - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017

Corrected on 7/18/2017

.36(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017

Corrected on 7/18/2017

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2017

Corrected on 7/18/2017

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

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

Comment

No new hires

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

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - Staff are in compliance with laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

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-Adequate Supervision