



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/26/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-3377**

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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.
07/26/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/24/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2016	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
Bldg 1	Main	Six Year Olds and Over	1	23	C	34	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Bldg 2	Back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Bldg 2	Front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Bldg 3	Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 3	Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 56		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 2	Main Play yard	140	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/26/2017

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(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.

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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)

Heather Todd, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, 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

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

Met

#### 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

#### Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure the loose baseboards are secure in the Right Classroom in Building 3.

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2017**

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

Not Met

#### Comment

Discussed-Fluff/Redistribute Surface, especially after heavy rain.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that an active ant bed was observed on the school-age playground near the sidewalk without children present. It was further determined that mushrooms were observed growing near the gate on the Toddler Playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/28/2017**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

**Comment**

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

**Comment**

The director stated that medication is not dispensed at this time.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Consultant discussed with the director updating the Center's written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Center; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2017**

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

**Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation for the field trip taken on July 21, 2017 to Minnick Park.

**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**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

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

**Comment**

591-1-1-.31(13) - Consultant observed Center staff to comply with all applicable laws and regulations on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2017**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff