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Date: 8/7/2017 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:50 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. 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.
08/07/2017	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/17/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/16/2017	Complaint Investigation & 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
MAIN	A-infants-1 yr	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
MAIN	B-1 & 2 yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
MAIN	C-3+ yrs	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Outside
MAIN	D-PreK (4+)	PreK	2	8	C	29	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Centers
MAIN	E-3+	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
MAIN	A-Left	41	C
MAIN	B-Back	73	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Compliant Investigation, Monitoring Visit and to follow up on previously cited rule violations. Two new employees were present who had been hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/07/2017

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@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)

Cathy Green, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Shelves at the back of the Pre-K classroom which faced the back wall was not secured to prevent tipping. The teacher in the classroom stated that this area of the room was not used. Please be sure that all equipment in the licensed areas are stable and anchored so that they cannot be tipped over.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Director stated that liability insurance is carried for the center.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours

Facility

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

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present:

- On the ledge to the right of the door in the toddler classroom a battery operated drill and five screws were accessible to children in care.
- In the hallway where the children walk to and from the toddler and three-year-old classroom two mop and bucket sets were observed. One set was by the door and another set was by the bathroom in the hallway.
- In the Pre-K room there is a long extension cord that a radio is plugged into. The cord stretches eight feet and six inches and creates a potential tripping hazard.
- In the hallway between the Pre-K classroom and the bathroom, a paint tray and roller with dried paint was on a low shelf

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. The center will ensure all maintenance and cleaning equipment and supplies are kept out of reach of the children. Additionally, the center will place a shelf in front of the extension cord.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 there were ten bolts protruding more than two threads in length on the fence in the toddler playground area, to be in compliance bolts should be no more than two threads in length. Director will also remove the chicken wire from the inside of the fence in the toddler playground area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will cut down the bolts to the required length and remove the chicken wire on the fence in the toddler area.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2017**Recited on 8/7/2017****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 the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:

- On the toddler playground in between the fence and the play house there were two active ant beds.
- On the toddler playground the turtle sand box had standing water in it.
- On the toddler playground a walker that was used for the infants had rips in the seat and was pulling away from the plastic.
- On the older playground there is a wooden platform that has one exposed nail and two missing wood pieces.
- On the toddler playground one of the sand/water play tables was cracked and broken on the base.

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: 8/7/2017

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets. It was determined based on consultant's observation of the lunch meal being served that the milk served to Pre-K students did not meet USDA standards for nutrition as the milk served with the lunch was chocolate and the label showed that it contained 12% fat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines and will offer and serve seconds to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Diapering requirements discussed

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/20/2016****Corrected on 8/7/2017****.17(7)(a-d) - Handwashing was observed to be conducted as required.****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures - Director stated that medications are not administered to children at the center.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

On the Ford Club Wagon, tag number PTE3171, there is a small tear at the top of the seat that has exposed foam. The center will repair the tear so that the foam is no longer exposed.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that on the Ford Club Wagon, tag number PTE 3171, that the third row middle seat belt was missing the buckle and not able to be securely fastened in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts. The center will replace the missing buckle and not use that seat space until the repair is made.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2017

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment. Crib was observed to be available to infant present and the crib mattress was firm and covered with a tight-fitting sheet, the crib was labeled and no objects were observed in the crib. Cots were observed for older children that were covered with clean sheets.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires the Center to ensure that every Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of the Child Care Learning Center has a satisfactory records check determination before the individual is present at the Center or before the individual resides in a Center. It was determined based on a review of staff records that one of the two provisional employees did not have evidence on file of a satisfactory background check prior to beginning work at the center. A one-day letter was left with the director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that valid evidence of satisfactory record checks are maintained and are immediately available to the Department for the duration of the Employees employment plus one year. The employee who did not have a background check on file obtained a local check from the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department at 11:39 AM while the visit was still in progress on August 14, 2017. Evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check is due to be on file by the 21st day of employment, August 24, 2017, in order to be present with the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- Review of training deferred until end of 2017 calendar year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of ongoing training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2017

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

Met

Comment

Staff meet qualifications.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Please discuss with all staff that supervision of all children, including infants and toddlers, requires that staff be physically present with the children and not behind a partition or anywhere that there is not direct sight of the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2017

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2017

Corrected on 8/7/2017

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has a policy in place to provide parents with written notification.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2017

Corrected on 8/7/2017

.29(1)(c) - Reporting requirements for serious illnesses, injuries and communicable diseases were discussed with director. Director stated that there have been no reportable incidents since last visit.