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Compliance Zone Designation		
08/09/2017	Initial Licensing Study	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- BL	Infants	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B- BR	One Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- 2R	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D- 1R	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	17	C	Story
Main	E- 1L	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F- Front Far Righ		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49

Total # Children this Date: 28

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	126	C

Comments

Congratulations! You have been granted permission to operate.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/09/2017

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.

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 CSRefutations@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)

Zakiyyah Ali, Program Official

Date

Wakisha Newton, Consultant

Date

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of the files that 3 of 3 files reviewed were missing the authorized release person's address.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2017

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Discuss- The center has obtained a barrier to block off room D from other children from going through.

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

Met

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Met

Comment

Discussed - Fall zones required for swings.

Comment

Not Observed-Inclement Weather

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen Appears Clean/Well Organized

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-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures. No medication dispensed at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed-All Notices Posted

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**

No Field Trips at This Time

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that two crib mattresses were torn and could not be properly disinfected.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2017

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Lead staff education requirements

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