



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/15/2017    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:20 AM    **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-1762**

**ABC Child Care Center #1**

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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.
08/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/14/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/03/2017	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	1-Front room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Art	
Main	2- Back Left	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	18	C	Centers	
Main	3- Back Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Story	
Main	4-upstairs PreK	PreK	2	18	C	20	C	28	C	Centers,Outside	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					65	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					78
Total # Children this Date: 40			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			65	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				78

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	31	C
Main	Front	26	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/15/2017

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- 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.

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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.

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)

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Dedria Myers, Program Official

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Date

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Stacey Foston, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

#### 591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

#### Comment

591-1-1-.03(1) - Observed lesson plans and daily schedules posted in all classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2017**

#### 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that two red couches in the back left classroom were torn and there was peeling tape over some of the tears. There was also two nails protruding from the bottom draw of a dresser in the Pre-K classroom.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The center will remove or replace the cited items.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2017**

#### 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

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017****Corrected on 8/15/2017****.25(13) - The previous citation has been corrected. There were no hazardous supplies accessible to the children.**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 2/13/2017****Corrected on 8/15/2017****.26(7) - The previous citation has been corrected. There was adequate mulch on the playground****Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined based on observations that several hazards existed on the toddler playground. In the left corner of the playground several wooden vines were observed to be hanging low into the children play space. A wooden slate was cracked on the green deck. In addition, several staples and screws were accessible to the children on the back of the brown wooden playhouse.

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 observed on the left toddler playground:

- rotten wood and peeling paint was on the blue wall near the street
- chipped wood and paint was on the wall inside the wooden playhouse
- chipped wood and paint was on the steps
- a small hole with two protruding nails was in the wooden wall near the bridge.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the playground, the center will fix any cited hazards and check play ground daily.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2017****Recited on 8/15/2017**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen Appears Clean/Well Organized

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017**

Corrected on 8/15/2017  
.17(2) - The previous citation has been corrected.

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

**Comment**

The director states that the center does not dispense medication.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Discussed the new emergency preparedness plans with the director. The consultant emailed resources to the center during the visit.

**Correction Deadline: 8/20/2017**

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591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices Met

**Comment**

Observed-All Notices Posted

<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) Met

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Met

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2017**

Corrected on 8/15/2017

.36(10) - The center has not had any transportation supervision issues since the last visit.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records and discussion that the center did not have annual inspection forms for the two vehicles.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 8/20/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the a bus seat was torn with exposed foam.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will repair the seat cushion

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have parental authorization for school transportation for 14 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined that the center did not have emergency medical information forms on the vehicle for 13 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2017**

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2017**

**Corrected on 8/15/2017**

**.36(7)(c)2. - Transportation logs observed to complete for the last two weeks.**

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2017**

**Corrected on 8/15/2017**

**.36(7)(d)3 - Transportation logs observed to be complete for the last two weeks.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment. There are no infants enrolled.

**Staff Records**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2017**

**Corrected on 8/15/2017**

**.09(1)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file and requires that Employees hired before January 1, 2014 that have only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination on file to obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined based on review of records that one employee had not obtained a fingerprint record determination before January 1, 2017 as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that every employee hired before January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory preliminary determination or satisfactory fingerprint determination on file and will have a plan to ensure that these employees obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. The consultant left a one day letter on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2017**

**Recited on 8/15/2017**

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2017**

**Corrected on 8/15/2017**

**.09(1)(g) The previous citation has been corrected.**

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-50% Certified First Aid & CPR

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Not Met**

**Comment**

Reminder - Orientation Documented/Signed

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of files that eight employees did not complete the health and safety training as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The staff will complete the training. The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

**Correction Deadline: 9/14/2017**

**Comment**

Health/Safety training reminder

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

**Comment**

The staff was observed to be in compliance with all applicable laws.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios observed. Discussed combining mixed ages.

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

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision