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Date: 8/17/2017 **VisitType:** Technical Assistance **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 9:20 AM

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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.
07/27/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/26/2017	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/23/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	Room A		0	0		22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B		0	0		27	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C		0	0		23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D		0	0		10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E		0	0		21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F		0	0		23	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 252			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of the visit was to obtain a signature from the provider to exit TA. The provider had two good standing visits conducted on 6/26/17 and 7/27/17. The TA consultant reviewed the providers history grid and followed up on the CRC citation and the rough play citation. Corrections have been made per the director. All TA goals have been corrected. The center would like to stay on TA until further notice.

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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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)

Ilysha Stringer, Program Official

Date

Lisa Johnson, Consultant

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Activities and Equipment

Rule: 591-1-1-.12(2)(a)Hazardous

Plan of Improvement: To ensure equipment does not pose a hazard.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant observed a safety strap to be missing on a high chair in the two/three year old classroom. Staff will place safety strap on high chair. Staff will ensure that all high chairs used have safety straps installed.	Staff	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 No action has been taken on this date. 8/17/17-Corrections have been made.	04/24/2015
2	TA Consultant observed a high chair and a swing in the infant room to be missing safety straps. Safety straps will be added to chair and swing to ensure child's safety when using these pieces of equipment.	Director/Staff	06/17/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	8/17/17-Corrections have been made	06/17/2015

Rule: 591-1-1-.25(3)Clean, free of debris, good repair

Plan of Improvement: To ensure facility is clean, free from debris and repairs.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant observed the paper towel dispenser in the boys bathroom in the preschool classroom to have an accumulation on rust. Director will have paper towel dispenser painted to cover rusted areas.	Director	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 No action has been taken on this date. 8/17/17: Corrections have been made	04/24/2015
2	TA Consultant observed a light to not be working properly in the preschool classroom. Director will have light repaired.	Director	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 Light has been repaired.	04/24/2017
3	Base boards along bottom of wall in Chapel area were observed to have paint peeling. Base boards will be painted.	Director	05/18/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	8/17/17: Corrections have been made	05/18/2015

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(4)Fence-playground

Plan of Improvement: To ensure all gates to unapproved areas are closed at all times.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant observed gate to be open from the toddler/infant playground leading to an unapproved area. Staff will monitor gate to ensure it is closed at all times.	Staff	04/24/2015	Developed		5-18-15 No action has been taken on this date. Gate remains unlocked and open.	
2	TA Consultant observed gate leading to parking lot is easily pushed open. Director will secure gate to prevent it from pushing open.	Director	04/24/2015	Completed		5-18-15 Gate has been secured.	

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(8)Safe, clean grounds

Plan of Improvement: To ensure playground area is clean, free from litter and hazards

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant observed several tree roots to be exposed posing a tripping hazard. Director will have tree roots spray painted with a bright color to eliminate the tripping hazard.	Director	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 No action has been taken on this date. 8/17/17: Corrections have been made	04/24/2015
2	TA Consultant observed bees around the stacked chairs at the back of the building on the playground area. Director/staff will monitor chairs to ensure no active bees nests are present.	Director/staff	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 No bees were observed to be active on playground on this date.	04/24/2015
3	Loose bricks located in the shade structure on the back playground will be removed to eliminate the tripping hazard they pose.	Director	06/17/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	8/17/17: Corrections have been made	06/17/2015

Rule: 591-1-1-.15

Plan of Improvement: To ensure individual bottles and sippy cups are properly labeled

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant discussed with infant room staff to ensure all bottles and sippy cups are labeled with the child's complete first and last name as well as the date. Staff will monitor sippy cups and bottles daily to ensure they are properly labeled.	Staff	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 Not all items were properly labeled on this date. 8/17/17: Corrections have been made	04/24/2015

Health and Hygiene

Rule: 591-1-1-.17(10)Potty Chairs

Plan of Improvement: To ensure potty chairs are stored in bathrooms and cleaned after each use.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant observed a potty chair to be stored in the two/three year old classroom next to the changing table. Staff will place all potty chairs in the bathroom.	Staff	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 All potty chairs are being stored in bathrooms.	05/18/2015
2	Potty chairs will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.	Staff	06/17/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	8/17/17: Corrections have been made	06/17/2015

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Rule: 591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1Cot and mat construction

Plan of Improvement: To ensure mats are in good condition

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	TA Consultant observed a mat accessible to children in the preschool classroom to be torn with foam exposed. Staff will removed mat from classroom. Staff/Director will inspect all mats to ensure there are no tears or foam exposed.	Director/Staff	04/24/2015	Completed	08/17/2017	5-18-15 No action has been taken on this date.	04/24/2015