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Date: 10/17/2017 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 4:00 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.
10/17/2017	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/23/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/14/2017	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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
Annex	#2 Front R-Prek	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	27	C	Clean Up
Annex	Back	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	28	C	Outside
Annex	Open Area		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138							
Main	A Second Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	B Back Center		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	C First Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D First Right	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play
Main	E-Left/Cafe/office		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138							
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 138			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/17/2017

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Connie Holloway, Program Official

Date

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Summary 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

Discussed-Add to Enhance Variety

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

Corrected on 10/17/2017

.12(2)(a) - Correction observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Comment

Secure Cleaning Tools Out of Reach

Finding

591-1-1-.06(5) requires Center Staff to provide platforms or sets of steps at the toilets and sinks to assist children who are unable to use the fixtures comfortably when child-size fixtures are not provided. In Centers with a licensed capacity of 19 or more children, the toilet facilities for children aged four (4) and older shall be suitably screened for privacy. It was determined based on observation that in building 1 in classrooms A and E the bathroom doors were missing. Children ages four and older used those restrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install a visibility barrier, where needed, in bathrooms for children four years and older to provide privacy.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2017

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:

Building 1:

Cafeteria: On top of the refrigerator were cleaning supplies (Mean Green, Bleach, Disinfectant Spray & Fly Insect Killer), mop and mop bucket were beside the bathroom.

On a low shelf were "Diatomaceous Earth" ant & crawling insect killer and "Behr" interior enamel paint.

Bathroom in the cafeteria: in an unlocked stall used for storage were floor cleaning supplies (sealer wax, stripper & polish) Bleach cleaner was also on a shelf accessible to children. Brooms and dust pans were in a corner.

Annex:

Open area: cords, decorations, pots, sprayer, equipment, nails, screws, hammer, box cutter and a variety of items in bucket

Back classroom: on a low shelf in the back of the room were hand sanitizer and "Tulip Color Shot" fabric color spray.

Front right: in a low wall basket were adult scissors and a stapler.

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.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(15) requires that any outside storage or equipment area be locked, separated from the children by a barrier or enclosure, and shall not be accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that equipment and supplies were stored behind the annex and in between building 1 and the annex with no barrier to prevent children from having access to items. The following items were observed: ladders, paint, shovels, rake, shutters, hand trucks, cleaning supplies, paint roller, screens, buckets, trash cans, leaf blower, storage roller carts, old air conditioner unit, air conditioner cover, plunger, drill, hammer, pruner and wooden pieces.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will routinely check outside storage or equipment areas to ensure they are locked or otherwise inaccessible to children. The center will move the items to a secure location or place a barrier to make items inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires that the Center and surrounding premises be clean, free of debris and in good repair. It was determined the following areas/items were found to be noncompliant:

Annex:

The door entering the building was missing the top door knob/lock.

Back Classroom: Three of seven light fixtures were missing covers and one of seven lights did not work. The bottom of the sheet rock/wall to the right and left of the entrance door was coming apart and missing pieces. A spider was present behind the toilet.

Front Classroom: The first toilet was not working. Spider webs were observed along the back ceiling, above the air conditioner window unit and in the restroom. The wall air conditioner unit had debris on the top of unit.

Building 1:

Outside the back door from the cafeteria leading to the playground was a cable/cord laying on the sidewalk that was not attached completely to the building posing a tripping hazard.

Classroom A: The wall air conditioner unit had dust present on the vent and needed cleaning. Two of five lights were not working.

Hall: One of three lights were not working.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the environment, the center will ensure to provide covers for the ceiling light fixtures, make necessary repairs to the sheet rock and treat the classroom for pest control.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2017

Recited on 10/17/2017

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with the director the need to secure cords being used and that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.25(5) requires approval from the Department, local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities for any structural changes to an existing Center or for construction of a new Center. Construction and maintenance work shall take place only in areas that are not accessible to the children. It was determined based on an investigation that on October 6, 2017, an inspection was completed by the Georgia State Fire Marshal. The child care center was not in compliance with the following Fire Marshal building regulations listed:

Siding and insulation were missing from Building 2 exposing plumbing

- Building 1 did not have an approved fire alarm system
- Building 1 did not have code-compliant exit signs
- A toilet in building 2 in the first classroom was not working
- Building 2 was not handicap accessible
- The mechanical room in building 2 had ceiling missing exposing the attic. Wall board and insulation were missing.
- Exposed electrical wires at the front main entrance of building 1 where a light fixture was missing.
- Exposed electrical wires were in the mechanical room of building 1 at a junction box.
- There was an exhaust fan in the restroom in the corridor of building 1 that was laying on a shelf and had exposed electrical cable coming through the ceiling supplying power to it.
- The storage room in building 1 did not have a ceiling exposing the attic and had no wall covering to create a fire barrier.
- There was a wood ramp on the rear exterior of building 1 that exceeded 10 inches fall in less than 4 feet.
- Building 1 did not have an approved fire alarm system
- The stove in building 1 was a commercial stove without a commercial hood and extinguishing system.
- The gas line for the stove in building 1 is exposed to the cooking burners.
- Building 1 did not have code-compliant exit signs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure the required approvals and plan all construction and maintenance work so it is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017

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

Discussed-Fluff/Redistribute Surface

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 the following were present:

Rust was along the chain links of the fence on the on the far right side and front sections of the Infant/Toddler playground and on the back playground on the center back and right side fencing.

Infant/Toddler playground on the right fence third pole had a 3 1/2" gap at the bottom. The back right corner and second right section was not attached at the top.

Back playground had protruding bolts throughout the fencing. The right side second, third and fourth section had a 1" to 6" gap at the bottom with sharp metal pieces accessible to children. The left side eighth section had a 8 1/2" gap at the bottom posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will make the necessary repairs to replace the chain links of the fence to ensure the fence is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2017

Recited on 10/17/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation, the center back playground was observed to have on the brown climbing structure a protruding screw and the lower wooden step was splitting and coming apart. It was also determined based on observation that on the infant toddler playground the red trike go round was not working and would not move around the circle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove broken equipment, repair the broken step and cover the protruding screw.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2017

Recited on 10/17/2017

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director the need to monitor tree roots and stumps to ensure they are spray painted to avoid being a tripping hazard to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2017

Corrected on 10/17/2017

.18(6) - Correction observed on this date. Trash can had lid.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation the changing pad in classroom D was dirty.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-17(7)(a-d) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids; after contamination by any other means. It was determined that based on observation, children were observed to not wash their hands as required after coming from outside. There were five of twenty children observed to conduct hand washing after using the restroom when entering into the classroom from outside.

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on staff statements that children in classroom D were not washing their hands after being diapered. Further, warm water was not available in classrooms A, B, C, D, E in building 1 and in front and back classrooms in Annex.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: To ensure proper handwashing by children, the center will ensure that all children conduct proper hand washing at the required times.

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017**Recited on 10/17/2017**

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

Safety

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

Reminder-Voice Tone in Redirecting

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36 - Consultant discussed with the director the need to review transportations sheets to ensure they are filled out completely on a daily basis.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on staff statements that crib sheets in classroom C were changed twice a week.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2017

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017

Corrected on 10/17/2017

.30(1)(b)3 - Correction observed on this date. Children had covers for nap time.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2017

Corrected on 10/17/2017

.30(2)(h) - Correction observed on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

Three hired since last visit

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

Comment

Lead staff education requirements met.

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