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Date: 10/18/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:15 AM

Departure: 10:30 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.
10/18/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/07/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/05/2017	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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(2L) Infants- 2 Years	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B (1L) two years	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Circle Time
Main	C (1R) 3-5 Years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	20	C
Main	Playground B	24	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/18/2017

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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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.

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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)

JaJuandraula Green, Program Official

Date

Sondra Paster, 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**

The consultant observed circle time and music activities on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that a television in a stand was observed to be unsecured and placed on top of a storage cubbie in the first right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability. The director will secure the cubbie along with the television stand.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Observed-Records Complete/Well Organized

Comment

Parent Authorizations Obtained/Completed

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Observation-Clean and Well Maintained

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

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

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines as the consultant observed oatmeal, strawberries and milk being served for breakfast on this date.

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

Kitchen Observed Clean/Well Organized

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2017**Corrected on 10/18/2017****The consultant observed the diaper pad in the infant classroom to be replaced on this date.**

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

N/A

Comment

The director stated that no medication is given at the center.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

No Animals Kept

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2017**Corrected on 10/18/2017**

The consultant observed the staff member to be terminated from the center.

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591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

No Field Trips at This Time

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

Two staff hired since last visit on March 14, 2017.

Technical Assistance

The director was informed that a fingerprint background determination for any staff that had fingerprints completed before January 1, 2014 must obtain an updated fingerprint determination by October 1, 2018. The director was further informed that all staff must have a comprehensive background check determination on file no later than October 1, 2017.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017

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

Comment

Observed-50% Certified First Aid & CPR

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2017

Corrected on 10/18/2017

.24(d) - The consultant observed orientation for all staff on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Observed - Documentation Of Training

Comment

Health/Safety training observed

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

Comment

Staff observed to meet applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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