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**Date:** 9/28/2017    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:55 AM    **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-1834**

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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.
09/28/2017	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/28/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/09/2017	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	A - Front Left		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B - Front	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	20	C	Outside
Main	C - Back Left	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	D - Back Right	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E - Far Back Right	One Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	21	C	Free Play
Main	F - Far Right		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 97				
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 97				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a complaint investigation along with a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 [CCSRefutations@decga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decga.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://decga.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)

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Susan Gandy, Program Official

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Date

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Jackqueline Frederick, Consultant

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Date



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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.03 Activities****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.03(2) - Center will ensure that lesson plans are current and available for viewing.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2017**

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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

No Swimming Activities Provided

<b>Facility</b>
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**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****Comment**

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

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 consultant's observation that the red metal fire truck, blue metal jeep/car and the resin blue and brown pirate ship located on the infant playground contained spider webs. Additionally consultant observed at least two spiders and an egg sack attached to the inside of the pirate ship.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2017**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

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**Safety**

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**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**

No Routine Transportation Provided

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/13/2016

**Records Reviewed: 12**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/24/2014	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/10/2006	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/19/2017	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/15/2016	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/26/2001	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/01/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/24/2005	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/09/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/13/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/01/1985	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/24/2017	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

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<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Lead staff education requirements

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision