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Date: 9/20/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:05 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
09/20/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/08/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/17/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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-Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Diapering, Nap
Main	B-Center	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	105	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/20/2017

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Refutation Process:

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- 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

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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)

Cynthia Andrews, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2017

Corrected on 9/20/2017

.03(3)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that center staff stated that children are taken outside for outdoor activities once in the morning and again after waking from nap on this date.

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

Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

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

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2017

Corrected on 9/20/2017

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no hazards were observed to be accessible to children on this date.

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 an observation, that the bottom of the fencing area of the outside play area was observed to have several gaps which measured between three and six inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2017**Recited on 9/20/2017****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, that two of three swing seats were observed to be cracked and one was observed to be broken and torn on this date..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2017**Recited on 9/20/2017****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined, based on observation, that the resilient surfacing beneath the swings and climbing equipment was observed to have grass growing through it, resulting in the resilient surfacing no longer being resilient.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2017

Health and Hygiene

Comment

Observed-Proper Diapering

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

The director stated that medication is not dispensed at this time.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a locked cabinet or container that is not accessible to children and stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medication requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined, based on observation, that a tube of hydrocortisone cream was found in a child's book bag in Classroom B - Center and was accessible to children in care on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will speak with parents in reference to the medication procedures and check children's book bags daily, upon arrival.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2017**Recited on 9/20/2017**

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2012

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2008

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2017**Corrected on 9/20/2017****.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had satisfactory Fingerprint Criminal Records Check determinations on file on this date.****591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 6/13/2017****Corrected on 9/20/2017****.24 - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the center had complete personnel files for all staff on this date.****Correction Deadline: 6/15/2017****Corrected on 9/20/2017****.24(d) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had evidence of completing the required orientation on this date.****591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 7/8/2017****Corrected on 9/20/2017****.33(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Director, who also serves as the cook, had documentation of completing four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing, and food storage on this date.****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 6/22/2017****Corrected on 9/20/2017****.31(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that two of four employees, or fifty percent of staff, had current evidence of completion of first aid and CPR training on this date.****Comment**

591-1-1-.31(13) - Consultant observed Center staff to comply with all applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2017**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-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff