



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/11/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:45 AM

Departure: 12:45 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.
10/11/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/28/2017	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
03/29/2017	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
Main	A Left-End	PreK	2	20	C	37	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B Left Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C Right Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D Right Back	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	E Right Front	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	327	C
Main	Playground B	22	C
Main	Playground C	29	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/11/2017

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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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@dec.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://dec.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)

Stella Cumby, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Pool Not in Use-Gates Locked

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Met

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Not Met

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 that on playground A on the front gate there was a 4 1/2 " to 5" gap at bottom potential entrapment hazard.

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. The center will repair the gate to ensure no gaps over 3 1/2 " are present.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017

Recited on 10/11/2017

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 and measurement that on playground A under both yellow climbing structures with slides had 1" of resilient surface when 3" was required.

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: 10/21/2017

Finding

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were in the outdoor play area:

Eleven active ants beds were present throughout the playgrounds.

All playground areas had exposed plastic landscaping tarp posing a tripping hazard.

Playground A:

The yellow and red climbing structure had paint chipping off the outside of the yellow tunnel and the two yellow slides.

The yellow and green climbing structure had paint chipping off the yellow slide.

The green metal merry go round had rust present.

Two black pipes had an opening measuring 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" posing an entrapment hazard.

Playground C:

The black plastic border/edger around the play area had nails protruding.

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 on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Playground A:

The green metal merry go round had rust present.

Active ants beds were present however, they were observed to be treated.

Had exposed plastic landscaping tarp posing a tripping hazard.

One black pipes had an opening measuring 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the playground, the center will treat the active ant beds and inspect the playgrounds everyday to monitor for new ant beds. Cover the plastic landscaping tarp with resilient surface. Sand and repaint items that have chipping paint or rust present and repaint. Cover the end of black pipes.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017

Recited on 10/11/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Safety

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

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that in the Pre-K classroom A 21 of 21 mats were worn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2017

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 05/22/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/27/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2017

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/29/2017	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/10/1999	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 06/15/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/05/2017	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/31/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/30/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/08/2017	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/22/2011	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/10/2017	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 06/06/2017	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 12/12/2016	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/13/2015	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/11/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 12/15/2015	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 18

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

Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

Seven hired since last visit

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

Met

Comment

Provisional employees met requirements.

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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed active supervision with the director.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2017