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**Date:** 10/12/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:35 AM

**Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-35099**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
10/12/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/26/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/29/2016	Licensing Study	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 the 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	Downstairs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	First Left Room	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	15	C	Transitioning
Main	First Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	upstairs	Infants	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47

Total # Children this Date: 30

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	16	C

**Comments**

Requested all files on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/12/2017

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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)

ABIMBOLA ALUKO, Program Official

Date

Leah Klatzker, 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-.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

### Evening Care

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No evening care hours

### 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-Center Clean/Well Maintained

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 two swing chains presented rusting on this date. Further, the four sealer presented rusting.

**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: 10/22/2017****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 two swings and the hanging swing bar did not have resilient surfacing underneath the entirety of the fall zones.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will be removing the swings and then getting new equipment. The fall zones will have resilient surfacing as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/22/2017****Technical Assistance**

Discussed the concrete ridge coming from the back door to the gate. Please ensure that this is not a tripping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2017**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation that one of five infants were observed not to have an infant feeding plan on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2017**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/25/2017**

Corrected on 10/12/2017  
.10(3)(a) - Previous citation corrected.

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

**Comment**

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided. the center may do transportation in the summer.

**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 a licensing study that sheets were stated to be changed as necessary or at the end of the week instead of daily.

**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: 10/12/2017**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 7**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2010

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2013

**Records Reviewed: 7**

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

Staff # 5 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/16/2011

Staff # 6 Met  
Date of Hire: 01/23/2017

Staff # 7 Met  
Date of Hire: 10/12/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**  
Criminal Records Check complete

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

**Comment**  
Lead staff education 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) Met**

**Comment**  
Observed-Adequate Supervision