



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/18/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-35654

Tender Years Learning Center #8

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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.
09/18/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/27/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/24/2016	Complaint Investigation & 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-infant/toddler	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B-3's (R front)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C-2's (R bk)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-1's (mid L)		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-2's (L end)	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F-PRE-K (1,2,3 & stage)	PreK	4	24	C	74	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 60

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a licensure study. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center provides transportation. The center does carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/18/2017

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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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.

- 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)

Jennifer McQuire, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date



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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

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2017

Corrected on 9/18/2017

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The chairs have been repaired.

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

Met

Comment

The pool has been filled in and is no longer in use.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Observation-Clean and Well Maintained

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

Met

Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2017

Corrected on 9/18/2017

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All hazards have been removed.

Technical Assistance

The center will ensure that all closet doors in classrooms remained locked and are inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017

Technical Assistance

The consultant observed the outside storage closet door to be slightly open and unlocked. The center will ensure outside storage closets are closed and locked at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2017

Corrected on 9/18/2017

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Resilient surface has been added to all of the playgrounds.

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 on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

-On the Pre-K playground and the Infant/toddler playground there are thorny vines coming over and through the fence creating a scratching hazard.

-On the Pre-K playground the plastic coating on the stairs of the play structure is peeling away posing a tripping hazard.

-On the Infant/Toddler playground there is a foam substance sprayed on the wall behind the water play table that is able to be picked off in small pieces.

-On the Toddler playground there is a piece of the broken door on the play log cabin posing a scratching hazard.

-On the Toddler playground on the Care Play Structure there is a broken piece where a door used to be posing a scratching hazard.

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: 9/18/2017

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. The center will ensure that children in care do not have necklaces or other objects around their necks while at the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017

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

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

Comment

Ensure Lids Remain on Trash Container

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please add the names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence to the posted notices.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

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 observation that two out of six cribs did not have a tight-fitting sheet as required. The center replaced the sheets during the visit.

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: 9/18/2017

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2015	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2005	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/13/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2013	

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/14/2016	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 12/02/2013	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/17/2016	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/19/2007	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 05/12/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 04/18/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/08/2015	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/22/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/21/2014	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 12/03/2007	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/11/2013	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/12/2014	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/03/2014	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/17/2017	Met

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/1998

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20

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

Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Met

Comment

Observed-100% Certified First Aid & CPR

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

Met

Comment

Lead staff meet 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-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios