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Date: 5/3/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:20 AM **Departure:** 1:55 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/03/2018	Initial 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 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 - 1L/ 6 weeks- 12 months		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 2LM- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - Back Right - 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- Middle Right -potty trianed 2's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left (6weeks - 2 years)	84	C
Main	B- Right - 2's	95	C

Comments

Permission to operate granted on this date. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. Consultant discussed Quality Rated and Incentives with provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/03/2018

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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.

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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@decal.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://decal.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)

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please be mindful that while classroom E is not licensed, the teacher's desk must be kept free of hazards once the classroom is licensed. All teacher supplies must be kept in a locked cabinet or drawer and space heaters must be inaccessible to children, (types of hazards observed: stapler, scissors, air freshener, hole punch, tape dispenser, lotion, and computer monitors not secured to base).

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on consultant's observation that liquid soap containers with labels stating "Keep out of reach of children" were accessible to children in classrooms A, B, and D.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all soap dispensers are safe for children.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Comment

591-1-1-.12(4) Equipment observed to be free of hazards and properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the vents in both the girls and boys bathrooms were dirty and loose from ceiling.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will clean out and repair the loose vents.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2018

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

The licensed capacity for the facility is 48 children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that hazardous items (cleaning brushes and plunger) were accessible to children in both the girls and boys bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store all hazardous items in a locked storage cabinet.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the gutters outside of classroom A and classroom E are rusted and cracked. Consultant also observed exposed bolts protruding more than two threads on the base of the toilets in the girls bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the gutters and cut down the bolts on the toilets in the girls bathroom and cap them.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

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 consultant's observation that the front gate on playground A and the front gate on playground B both had gaps at the bottom of the gate measuring five (5) inches. Consultant also observed gaps measuring between four (4) and five (5) inches on the top portion of the front gate on playground B. Further it was observed that on playground A on the left side where the fence meets the shed a gap measured seven (7) inches. All fencing gaps should measure no more than three and a half (3-1/2) inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add a barrier to enclose the gaps.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on consultant's observations that classroom B and C did not have sufficient operable windows for ventilation. Consultant measured thirteen (13) square feet to be accessible for classroom B when thirty-eight (38) square feet is required and six (6) square feet to be accessible for classroom C when thirteen (13) square feet is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install a ventilation system in classrooms B and C.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2018**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the sink was not adjacent to the diaper changing table in classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install a sink in classroom C adjacent to the diaper changing table prior to housing children in this classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2018

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

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Director stated during the phone conference that the facility will not be distributing medication. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures for when the facility would need to distribute medication.

Safety

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

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Seven (7) cribs of seven (7) were present meeting CPSC guidelines as six (6) were manufactured in 2012 and one (1) was manufactured in 2013. Capacity of classroom A is eight (8) facility will add an additional crib that meets CPCS/ASTM guidelines prior to enrolling eight (8) children in the classroom.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5) - While two staff have completed the Nutritional training. This training will be completed by the designated cook prior to the correction deadline.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2018

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

591-1-1-.31(13) Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for the diaper changing tables facing the wall in classrooms A, B and C. A supervision plan was also created for playgrounds A and B due to their shape. Please ensure staff position themselves to view all children at all times.