



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/18/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/18/2019	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-Infant-Toddlers	Infants and One Year Olds	1	1	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	C-2/12-3's	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 4			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	42	C

Comments

The program was placed on a temporary license awaiting a final fire marshal report. The program did not have liability insurance but had a posting visible.
10-22-19- A permanent license was issued this date, as all licensing documents were received.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/18/2019

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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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)

Met

Comment

Discussed securing the small refrigerator and shelving unit in Room A to prevent any future enrolled toddlers from being able to push or pull them over.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool on site.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

The room capacities were met during the visit. The program has no current capacity limitations.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Discussed the fall zone requirements for the swings with the director and provided a drawing/resource for guidance. Also discussed removing vines from the fence once they are cut or treated.

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 several bolts were protruding from the fence at corners towards the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Bolts will be turned so that they are not protruding towards the playground, or will be cut and sanded. 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: 10/2/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures and diapering area observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips at this time. Discussed with the director that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, staff are required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of transportation training. In addition, prior to providing transportation, the regional consultant will be contacted to discuss and review all transportation requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The correct number of cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Comment

Cribs in Room A were observed in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/18/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for three current staff.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Discussed that all staff are required to obtain CPR, First Aid, and Health & Safety training within 90 calendar days of hire. In addition, the director and all staff involved in transportation are required to obtain 2 hours of transportation safety training. Health & Safety, and transportation safety training can be located at: www.decal.ga.gov/CCS (under "News Topics")

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for the hall restrooms, route to the playground, and the shape of Room A.