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Date: 2/17/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 2:30 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.
02/17/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/18/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/20/2016	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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-1L	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Snack
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-3L	Infants	1	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Diapering
Main	D-1R	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	27	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 55					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63					
Total # Children this Date: 24					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	6	C
Main	PG B	17	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/17/2017

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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)

Bianca Taylor, Program Official

Date

Christina Mitchell, 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-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(a)-(f)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(a)-(f)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(a)-(f)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.08(a)-(f) requires Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled that includes the following information: (a) child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; (b) names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; (c) name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone number, relationship to child and other identifying information; (d) name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; (e) name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and (f) known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined that two of five children's files reviewed were missing the full address of the release pick up. It was further determined that one of five children's files was missing an emergency contact person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2017

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Make sure all bathroom fans are working.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined that there were three tiles with dented holes in the three year old classroom. It was further determined that the two year old room had a tear in the carpet, the road rug had a pull on the corner that was a tripping hazard, and a tile was missing near the bathroom door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2017

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 that two areas of the fence had a gap at the bottom more than three and half inches.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2017

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Two toys had cracks. Make sure to check toys daily for cracks.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2017

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please make sure to keep wrappers off the playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2017

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Please remove the church's fan or dust if it stays in the kitchen.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(5) - One staff did not wash hands prior to a diaper change in the infant room.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2017

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Met

Comment

No medications given since last visit.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

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

Criminal Records Check complete

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.24(d) requires the center to have evidence of required orientation applicable to the position of director or employee. It was determined that one staff was missing a date on the orientation form.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that documentation of orientation is on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2017

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

591-1-1-.33(2) - Staff hired on or after October 1, 2016 had to have the health and safety orientation training within 60 days of hire. Please make sure staff hired have this training. All other staff need this training by June 30, 2017.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined that two rooms did not have a lead teacher hired since the two had left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate a qualified lead staff for this group.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2017

Staffing and Supervision

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

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff