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**CCLC-16542**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/10/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/29/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/15/2016	Monitoring Visit	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-First Left	PreK	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	B-Second Lft	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack	
Main	C-First Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	D-Back Middle	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	E-Right 1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	F-BR Prek2	Five Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	G- Prek3	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					128	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 99			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			128	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2's	93	C
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Middle Playground	97	C
Main	School Age	109	C
Main	Toddlers Playground	11	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/10/2017

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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**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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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.al.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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Penny Holt, Program Official

Date

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Coty Cummings, Consultant

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Facility**

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

**Comment**

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

**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 on the side right playground the perimeter fence is measuring between 3ft 9in and 3ft 10 in. In addition on the side right perimeter fence a 3ft by 7 in hole was observed in the fence which could cause a potential entrapment hazard.

**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: 5/10/2017**

**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 consultant's observation that on the back playground the blue climbing structure was observed to have chipping paint.

**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: 5/20/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored and have a resilient surface beneath the equipment. The fall-zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant's observation that on the back playground there was 0-3 inches of resilient surface beneath the swings and the blue climbing structure. On the left playground, 0-3 inches of resilient surface was observed beneath all the fall zones of the wooden climbing structure.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that climbing and swinging equipment is anchored. The Center will develop and/or follow a plan for routine inspections of the resilient surface and for replacing when needed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/20/2017**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**
**Met****Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Proper Hand Washing stated Throughout

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**
**Met****Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**
**Met****Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

**Correction Deadline: 1/8/2017**

Corrected on 5/10/2017

Previous citation observed corrected. Consultant observed transportation for everyone responsible with transportation.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

SIDS rules met.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**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