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**Date:** 8/14/2017    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:10 PM

**CCLC-39232**

**Open Doors Child Development Center**

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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.
08/14/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/05/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/03/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	One Room	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 6			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	31	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is a licensure study. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center does not have liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/14/2017

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).

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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](mailto: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.

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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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Shula Durden, Program Official

Date

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Beth Houtz, Consultant

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2017**

**Corrected on 8/14/2017**

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no infant carriers on the premise and all children in care were playing in the room.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant observed the infant swing to be missing the safety straps. The director stated that the swing is not currently used and they will repair or replace the swing before it is used again.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2017**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**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**

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The consultant observed a mop bucket and mop in an area that is off limits to children for play but used for diapering. The center will ensure the mop and bucket are stored where children in care do not have access.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2017**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/12/2017**

**Corrected on 8/14/2017**

**This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The see-saw seats have been repaired and tightened.**

**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 three active ant beds were on the playground. Two of the ant beds were located on the left hand side of the covered patio area and one ant bed was located on the right hand side on the edge of the covered patio. Additionally, there was a Dirt Devil sweep vacuum on the porch accessible to children in care when they are on the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will treat ant beds and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2017**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2017**

**Corrected on 8/14/2017**

**This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was soap present at each sink and children in care were observed to use the soap.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The director stated that no medication is currently dispensed.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that fire drills were not performed for the months of March, April, May, June, and July of 2017 as required by this rule.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2017**

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

No Animals Kept

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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**

No Routine Transportation Provided

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/19/2017**

**Corrected on 8/14/2017**

**This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were six children present. there were two cribs and ten mats were observed.**

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**Staff Records**

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2017**

**Corrected on 8/14/2017**

**This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a satisfactory records check letter.**

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid that is conducted by certified or licensed health care professionals and deals with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. In addition, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff shall have completed such training at any given time. It was determined based on staff statements and a review of staff records that the director did not have current certification of CPR. Additionally, one other adult present with the children did not have the required CPR training and were employed prior to September 1, 2016.

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2017**

**Recited on 8/14/2017**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on consultant's observation and a review of staff records that no adult with current CPR was present with the six children who were in care during Licensure Visit on August 14, 2017. Staff records indicate that the CPR for two staff members expired in May of 2017.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center director will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2017**

**Recited on 8/14/2017**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Defer**

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591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation is deferred until the end of the 2017 calendar year.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of ongoing training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2017**

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

**Comment**

Staff meet all qualifications.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision