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**Date:** 10/5/2017    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 1:50 PM    **Departure:** 4:05 PM

**CCLC-3382**

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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.
10/05/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/13/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/28/2017	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
Bldg. # 2	Main		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. I	Back (Middle)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. I	Far Right - End	One Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. I	Front		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. I	Left Side	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			58		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

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

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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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@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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Catherine (Cathy) Williams, Program Official

Date

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Patty Malone, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

Corrected on 10/5/2017

.12(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. the television was observed to be secured.

### Facility

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

#### Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

Corrected on 10/5/2017

.25(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

#### Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)-The center has repainted the equipment that had chipping paint. The center has hired maintenance to repair the step on the slide which is not currently in use at the center.

#### 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: 9/23/2017

### Health and Hygiene

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child had a pacifier hanging on a string around his neck.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017**

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

591-1-1-.20(1) - The consultant discussed the required documentation for medication forms.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017****Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017****Corrected on 10/5/2017**

.20(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017****Corrected on 10/5/2017**

.21(3) - This citation was corrected.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017****Corrected on 10/5/2017**

.09(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

591-1-1-.33(3)-The staff will complete the training by the previous deadline of October 13, 2017.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

**Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017**

**Corrected on 10/5/2017**

**.32(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios.**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that upon the consultant's arrival, the staff member supervising classroom Far Right- End left the classroom and walked over to classroom Left Side leaving children unsupervised during nap time.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017**