



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-39038

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Chestnut Mountain Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
04/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/29/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/30/2022	Complaint Closure	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		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- 2L	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D- 4L	GA PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E- 5L	GA PreK	2	21	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- 3R	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G- 2R	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	H- 1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 99			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground Left	96	C
Main	Playground RT	25	C

Comments

A Monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decals.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decals.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2023

.08(1) - Three children files were reviewed on this date and were complete. This citation will be corrected on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2022**Corrected on 4/20/2023****.25(3) - Items cited in rooms A-1L, B-2L and F-3R have been corrected on this date.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 on the left playground (older children) the gate facing the parking lot measured at a 4 inch opening gap which is considered an entrapment. It was also determined based on observation that the side fencing (the fencing that does not face the parking lot or the back woods) on the right side playground (younger children) did not meet the 4ft requirements, it measured at 3 feet and 10 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will immediately start working on correcting the fence and gate so that the children can safely access the playgrounds. 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: 4/21/2023**Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022****Corrected on 4/20/2023****.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

Health and Hygiene

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

Discussed labeling of "diapering only" areas and staff work stations.

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

CommentStaff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

591-1-1-.17 - Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

CommentProper 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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2023

.36(4)(b) - This was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2023

.36(7)(c)3. - Proper vehicle checks were observed on this date from routine transportation. No field trips at this time.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - Proper signatures were reviewed on this date. This citation has been corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Provider will make sure all crib mattresses are free from any holes or torn areas.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2023

.14(2) - Staff were observed to have first aid and CPR or still in their ninety (90) days of hire.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Correction Deadline: 10/29/2022****Corrected on 4/20/2023****.33(3) - Health and safety were observed on this date. Some staff members are in the ninety (90) hire stage.****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- This will be deferred for next Licensing study.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2022

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.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022**Corrected on 4/20/2023****.31(1)(b)2. - Director had documentation of credential on this date.**

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022****Corrected on 4/20/2023****.32(1) - Classrooms were observed in ratio on this date.**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.