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Date: 8/14/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

CCLC-2361

Noah's Ark Day Care and Learning Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
08/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/03/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/03/2019	Complaint Closure	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	A-Lambs (End Right)	Infants	1	3	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	B-Elephants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Snack
Main	C-Koala Bear	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Snack,Free Play
Main	D-Monkeys (2nd Left)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-Giraffes	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-Zebras (L2 End Right)	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Art
Main	G-Hippos (L2 1st Right)	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H-Lions (L2 1st Left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	I-Tigers (End Left)	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 84			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Plgd	95	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/14/2019

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Preston Lowe, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. No pool on property on this date.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure all safety latches are in good working order as required. Additionally, please ensure all cabinets are locked if cabinets contain items that may be in reach of children that could pose as a hazard as required.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2019

Corrected on 8/14/2019

Correction of citation in that the "S" and "U" hooks were observed to be replaced on the swing sets and bucket seat sets on this date.

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation seven safety straps were missing from feeding chairs at the feeding table in Classroom B (elephants). Additionally, seven safety straps were missing from feeding chairs at the feeding table in Classroom C (koala).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. The center will replace the safety straps or remove the equipment from the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019

Recited on 8/14/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2019

Corrected on 8/14/2019

Correction of citation in that children in care are immediately changed after nap time and every two hours or as needed in an attempt to ensure children are kept clean, dry and comfortable.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with license plate ending in Y4993 was completed on January 20, 2019.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

Staff Records

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

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit which was completed on April 3, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2019

Corrected on 8/14/2019

Correction of citation in that all employees have a satisfactory comprehensive criminal background check as required on this date.

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

Staff training will be deferred until the next licensing study visit and evaluated at that time.

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: 5/3/2019

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.