



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/23/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

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.
09/23/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/13/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	B-Elephants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-Koala Bear	One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Monkeys (2nd Left)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E-Giraffes	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-Zebras (L2 End Right)	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	G-Hippos (L2 1st Right)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-Lions (L2 1st Left)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-Tigers (End Left)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Plgd	95	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 22, 2020 for the Monitoring Visit. Core Rules and any previous citations were all reviewed on September 23, 2020 with the director, Mr. Preston Lowe. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through 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.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement and video footage the vents in both classrooms were repaired and in working order as required.

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement, pictures and video footage, all potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies were inaccessible to children in care. The cabinets were observed to be locked on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement, pictures and video footage, the tile, walls, borders, and light fixtures were repaired and in good repair as required.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Consultant emailed the new infant feeding form to the director to ensure parents complete and update the form as required due to new rule changes beginning October 1, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement and pictures, baby bottles were observed to be labeled as required.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation in that the center provided documentation to demonstrate fire drills, tornado and other emergency drills were conducted as required.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for vehicle with license plate ending in Z9782 used in transporting children on this date. The inspection was completed on December 5, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement and documentation of transportation forms, the driver or other designated person immediately documented in writing with a mark / symbol to account for children listed on the transportation checklist form each time a child entered and exited the vehicle as required. Consultant further discussed with the director to black out or mark out the morning slots if transportation was not provided and place an A to represent Absent if the children were absent from school.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement and documentation of transportation forms, the first check was documented and conducted for routine school transportation as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation as evidenced by the director's statement and documentation of transportation forms, the second check was documented and conducted for routine school transportation as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit which was completed on January 13, 2020.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2020

Corrected on 9/23/2020

Correction of citation in that the staff member completed CPR and first aid training as required on January 24, 2020.

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

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.