



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/23/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-10983

Noah's Ark Child Care & Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/23/2018	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/23/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
01/11/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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/0-12 mths	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	B/ 3years	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	C/ 1 year	One Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	D/ 2 year	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	E/ 3 years		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	F/ 4 year	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	G/ 6-8 year		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	H/ 8-12 year	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date:			58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/23/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.al.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://dec.al.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.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
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.al.ga.gov

Jennifer Massey, Program Official

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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.

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

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Children's Records

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

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2018

Corrected on 7/23/2018

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected in that the two children files that were previous cited were corrected.

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) **Met**

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2018

Corrected on 7/23/2018

.26(6) - Previous citation corrected in that there was no chipping paint and the there were no hanging swings.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Center vehicle was not checked on this date in that the children were on a field trip during the time of the visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 14****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/06/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/22/2014	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/19/2002	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/2015	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2014	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2003	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2006	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2016	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2016	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 06/27/2016	

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 2 files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 7/23/2018

.33(6) - Previous citation corrected in that staff are still within their time frame to obtain 10 hours for 2018.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.