



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/14/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-10983

Noah's Ark Child Care & Learning Center

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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.
02/14/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/23/2018	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/23/2018	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/0-12 mths		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B/ 3years	Infants	1	1	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C/ 1 year	One Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	D/ 2 year	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	E/ 3 years	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F/ 4 year	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G/ 6-8 year		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	H/ 8-12 year		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 45

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Consultant discussed the upcoming criminal record check webinar with the director:
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Link to register- <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5051620808705398274>

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/14/2019

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.al.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), 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).

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

Jennifer Massey, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Current lesson plans for each classroom were observed.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2019

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 5

Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that address and phone numbers are listed for parents employment and release person(s).

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2019

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that small area of paint in several classrooms was observed to be chipping and needs repaired.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2019

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that a small area of the bottom fencing on the back left playground next to the gate was unsecured at the bottom and needs repaired so it does not pose a potential entrapment hazard. Also, the back fencing of the right playground to the left of the tree had a small unsecured area that needed repaired.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined the non-portable yellow and green metal equipment on the front left playground was observed to not be anchored.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant observation the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:

Front Left:

- the sandbox lid had an exposed crack at the top
- the small plastic brown and red slide had a small crack on the left side near the top
- tire was loose on the front right side of the green truck that had an exposed bolt
- the green and yellow tractor was chipping paint

Back Left:

- pine cones

Right Side:

- pine cones
- picnic tables were observed to have cracks with sharp edges

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records the center did not conduct a lockdown drill for the 2018 year or January 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. One staff member has a national check and was observed to be supervised by someone with a comprehensive check. The center has two new hires since the last regulatory visit.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.