

## Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 2/10/2021 Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 12:00 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

**CCLC-1126** Regional Consultant

## **Mountain Park Academy & Learning Center**

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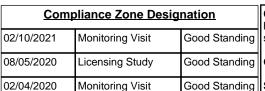
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**Quality Rated:** 



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

**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	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	С	28	С	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioni ng,Free Play
Main	1R	Two Year Olds	1	10	С	22	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2L		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2R	Three Year Olds	1	10	С	22	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lun ch
Main	3 R	Four Year Olds	1	7	С	24	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	4 R		0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Back Middle		0	0	С	26	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Cafe		0	0	С	26	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Total # Children this Date: 34 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192 Total Capacity @25 sq.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	20	C
Main	PG B	143	С
Main	PG C	42	С

#### Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on February 10, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Shared FAQ regarding Rule Changes effective October 1, 2020 and the new updated Infant feeding plan.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/10/2021

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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@decal.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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

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## **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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

Harry Patel, Program Official	Date	Dianne Clarke, Consultant	Date



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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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

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

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

## Comment

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

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

Met

#### Comment

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

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center does not provide routine transportation. No transportation has been conducted since March 2020. Discussed regarding ensuring to maintain vehicle inspection and ensure transportation trainings are updated before transportation begins again.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. Discussed regarding ensuring that mats are labeled.

**Staff Records** 

## **Records Reviewed: 11**

## **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/05/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2021

Records Reviewed: 11 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 5

Date of Hire: 01/15/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2002

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2002

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2018

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

## Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Discussed regarding ensuring to complete an updated records check if there is a six months lapse in employment for staff.

## 591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

## Comment

591-1-1-.24(1) - Please ensure to review the orientation checklist with staff of updated rules and regulations and center policies and procedures and ensure new hire dates are reflected.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2021

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2020

## Corrected on 2/10/2021

.33(5) - The consultant observed that the training was observed to be completed at the correction deadline on August 20, 2020.

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

#### Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 September 30, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2021

# **Staffing and Supervision**

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

Met

## Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

## Comment

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