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Date: 2/27/2020 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-27169

Dominion Children's Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/27/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/27/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
10/24/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A	Infants	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Room F		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 68

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	9	C
Main	B	62	C

Comments

The Consultant reviewed and discussed the Compliance and Determination Worksheet on this date.

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.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

Clara Johnson, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(8) requires toys for children under three years of age to be age-appropriate; non-toxic and lead-free; too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; free of sharp pieces, edges or points; free of small parts which may be pried off by a child, free of rust; and easily cleaned with a disinfectant daily. It was determined based on Consultant observation that the toys and equipment were not cleaned and disinfected throughout the center as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will provide age-appropriate toys and remove any toys that are not age-appropriate in each room housing children under three years of age. The Center will implement a plan to train Staff to regularly examine toys for the listed hazards and remove toys when hazards are identified and to clean toys with a disinfectant daily.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on Consultant observation that there were walls with chipped paint throughout the center. Further there were walls, doors and trash cans that were dirty. Also there were vents throughout the center that were dirty. In addition the floors throughout the center were dirty. As well as the toilet wouldn't flush in Room F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/3/2019****Corrected on 2/27/2020**

The correction was observed on this date. There were two areas where there was black ground covering exposed but there was pea gravel present to cover the areas as they were exposed due to recent heavy rain.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines. The Consultant observed Beef Stroganoff, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, wheat bread and milk to be served on this date.

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**

The Provider stated that no medications have been administered since the last regulatory visit.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that a second check wasn't conducted on February 18, 2020, for the route from MLK Elementary as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/19/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 04/07/2017	
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/19/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.