



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/11/2019    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-34706**

**Young Mindz Preschool Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/11/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
06/11/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient
03/06/2019	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-Left Front - Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering	
Main	C 2nd right-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room B -Center - 3-5	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	30	NC	18	NC	25	NC	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			45		
Total # Children this Date:			48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			38		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			45		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	left side	30	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/25/2019

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.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](mailto: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://www.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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Mentrell Sabir, Program Official

Date

Laurel Benta, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(1) requires the Center to provide a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles. It was determined based on observation that there were no lesson plans available in the classrooms.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/11/2019**

**Recited on 6/11/2019**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that 30 children were in classroom B which was licensed for 18 children.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the left side metal fencing measured three feet seven inches on the playground.

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**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 observation that a broken tree stump had splintering wood accessible to children on the left side of the small playground.

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<b>Safety</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that the staff member #2 was responsible for transportation but did not have two hours of transportation training on file.

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**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2.- Per the director, checklists are kept on the vehicle and the vehicle is parked off site. The consultant advise the director to keep a copy at the center. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019**

**Staff Records**

**Correction Deadline: 6/11/2019**

**Corrected on 6/11/2019**

.33(3) - Th previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed health and safety orientation for employee.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2019**

**Corrected on 6/11/2019**

.33(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed six hours of training for the 2019 calendar year for that staff member on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that staff #6 and staff #7 did not meet the minimum academic requirements for lead teachers.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2019**

**Recited on 6/11/2019**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019**

**Corrected on 6/11/2019**

**.32(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that there was a ratio of 1:7 when one staff member was responsible for five infants and two one-year-olds. A ratio of 2:7 was required.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/11/2019**

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019**

**Corrected on 6/11/2019**

**.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed adequate supervision of the children on this date.**