



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/24/2018 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-46967

Happy Explorer's Learning Academy

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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.
04/24/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/15/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/05/2017	Monitoring Visit	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	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A-1		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	F	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	10	C
Main	Playground B	170	C

Comments

The consultant issued and discussed the compliance determination worksheet on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/22/2018

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

Bernice Rush, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	Safety
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/16/2018

Corrected on 4/24/2018
Correction was observed on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 3/16/2018

Corrected on 4/24/2018
Correction was observed on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that there were no arrival/departure times documented for April 19, 2018 and April 20, 2018.

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Correction Deadline: 4/24/2018

Recited on 4/24/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle 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; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of records that a first check was not conducted on April 19, 2018 and April 20, 2018, as required.

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Correction Deadline: 4/25/2018

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Correction Deadline: 3/15/2018

Corrected on 4/24/2018
Correction was observed on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(8) restricts a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination unless accompanied by the Parent and excluding field trips. It was determined based on a review of records that on April 16, 2018, children were on the vehicle for 53 minutes, on April 17, 2018, children were on the vehicle for 51 minutes, on April 18, 2018, children were on the vehicle for 47 minutes, on April 19, 2018, children were on the vehicle for 50 minutes and on April 20, 2018, children were on the vehicle for 54 minutes.

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Correction Deadline: 4/25/2018

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2018

Corrected on 4/24/2018
Correction was observed on this date.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2018

Corrected on 4/24/2018
Correction was observed on this date.