



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/18/2023 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

CCLC-49136

A Unique Preparatory Learning Academy

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/18/2023	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing
10/25/2022	POI Follow Up	Deficient
09/12/2022	Licensing Study	Support

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	F/Pre-K 1	PreK	2	1	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Circle Time
Main	H/Pre-K 3	PreK	2	1	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 2			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K	105	C
Main	School Age	80	C
Main	Toddler	24	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on January 18, 2023 with the Director Tanneshia Grimes. Background checks were all reviewed on January 18, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/18/2023

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tanneshia Grimes, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.03(2) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed current lesson plans.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.25(11) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed the floor tile repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with the Director taping down the hanging cord in the dramatic area in classroom H/Pre-K3.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.25(3) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed the ceiling tiles repaired.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.26(4) - Citation corrected. Gates observed closed.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.26(6) - Citation corrected. wood picnic tables observed removed from playground.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.26(8) - Citation corrected. Mulch observed throughout the playground. School age play equipment currently not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.26(9) - Citation corrected. Exposed roots were observed sprayed painted orange.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the Director removing the concrete pieces on the left side of the ramp on the Pre-K playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.17(7) - Citation corrected. Proper handwashing observed.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with the Director removing the litter from both vehicle tag # EYK658 and vehicle tag #CTA1242.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023**Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022****Corrected on 1/18/2023****.36(7)(c)2. - Citation corrected. Consultant observed documentation complete.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - Consultant discussed with the Director checking the mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023**Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022****Corrected on 1/18/2023****.36(7)(d)2. - Citation corrected. Consultant observed documentation complete.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022****Corrected on 1/18/2023****.30(2)(c) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed appropriate cribs in the classroom.**

Staff Records

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'StaffMissingRequirements', located at:
myKnoalaPDFCreationConsole.Reports.RDI.C.StaffMissingRequirements.rdlc

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022****Corrected on 1/18/2023****.33(3) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed staff #4 health and safety orientation training.**

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.