

## 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

Arrival: 10:55 AM Date: 3/10/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Departure: 1:15 PM

#### **CCLC-17654**

## **Prime Care Learning Center III**

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# Quality Rated: \*\*



	Compliance Zone Desi	<u>ignation</u>	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								
03/10/20	22 Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.								
09/29/20	21 Licensing Study	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.								
01/22/20	21 Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.								
			<ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>								

#### **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		0	0	С	49	С	NA	NA	
Main	B Cafeteria		0	0	С	13	С	NA	NA	
Main	B-1R	GA PreK	2	16	С	22	С	NA	NA	Outside,Transitio ning
Main	С		0	0	С	17	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	6	С	18	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E	Two Year Olds	1	6	С	18	С	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F		0	0	С	17	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G-1	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	С	10	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G-2		0	0	С	9	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 32		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq.					

ft.: 0

Playground Playground **Building** Compliance Playground Occupancy Main PG A С 161 PG B 49 Main

#### Comments

On this date, consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site monitoring visit.

Reminders: Please be sure to contact the Gwinnett County Department of Health if there are positive COVID-19 cases immediately and get their guidance. Please also complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for all communicable diseases within 24 hours. Be sure to select "Notifiable Communicable Diseases" to report closures for COVID cases.

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

As of August 2, 2021, all amendments are required to be entered in DECAL KOALA.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/10/2022

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





#### 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 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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 <a href="https://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> 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)								
Chrislen Okoma, Program Official	Date	Dianne Clarke, Consultant	Date					



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## **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2021

**Corrected on 3/10/2022** 

.08(1) - The new director was guided regarding ensuring that the information for parent's work address be added to the application and work phone numbers completed to ensure that all information is completed on the children's enrollment application before they begin at the center.

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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2021

**Corrected on 3/10/2022** 

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed to be working. Please ensure to maintain the fans in the bathrooms.

## 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** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that all items which read, keep out of reach of children, are inaccessible including in classrooms which are not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

## 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 there was a gap at the bottom of the fence towards the back of the playground in section two and three from the right of Playground A. The bottom was also loose.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

## **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 there wee exposed concrete in the 2nd and 3rd pole at the bottom of the fence on Playground A. Also, on Playground B, there was a sensory table observed accessible where the wood was stripping and had shard edges with dirt inside.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

# **Health and Hygiene**

## 591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure that children are not permitted to have pacifiers attached to their clothing.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

#### 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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

## 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)

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2021

#### **Corrected on 3/10/2022**

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected, in that the driver has the transportation training on file. Please ensure that the training is renewed every two years for everyone participating in transportation including the director.

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of stateapproved 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 a review of records that the new director did not have current evidence of the transportation training on file.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2022

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that there were tears in the first right seat, a hole in second left seat and the vinvl was worn on the first left seat on vehicle tag number PHR 3445.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

## Recited on 3/10/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguisher had not been maintained since November 2017 on vehicle tag number PHR 3445.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Recited on 3/10/2022

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2019

#### **Corrected on 3/10/2022**

.36(4)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the heater was observed to be working on vehicle tag number PHR 3445, the vehicle being used.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(6) - Please ensure that the times are recorded for each child participating in transportation on their transportation agreement form.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021

#### **Corrected on 3/10/2022**

.36(7)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the locations were observed to be recorded for the week of February 28 and March 7, 2022. Please ensure that the locations are recorded for each trip daily.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Please ensure that the information regarding the medical facility that the center uses is recorded on all children participating in transportation medical emergency forms.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021

#### **Corrected on 3/10/2022**

.36(7)(c)1 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the children's full names were observed to be completed on the transportation checklist for the week of February 28 and March 7, 2022. Please ensure that children's full names are recorded on the checklist at all times.

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the driver did not record when a child entered and exited the vehicle during the week of February 28, 2021 for Thursday and Friday from Mountain Park Elementary School.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021

## **Corrected on 3/10/2022**

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was corrected in that the times were recorded for the week of February 28 and March 7, 2022. Please ensure that the times are recorded for all trips.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment** 

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

Met

## Comment

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

**Records Reviewed: 9** 

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Not Met

Staff # 2

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2019

Staff # 5

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2015

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2019

Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

#### 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.

- -Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.
- -Please ensure that records checks are redone if there is a six-month break in service.
- -Please also ensure that satisfactory records checks are updated before the expiration date.
- -Ensure that all therapists and other independent contractors have an updated records check on file, before being present at the center.
- -Please ensure that staff with a national background check is always present with a staff who has a comprehensive background check. Staff should never be by themselves.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

**Corrected on 3/10/2022** 

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the consultant observed training completed.

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)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-Ī-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that the teacher was not seated in arm's length when a child remained at the table finishing lunch.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022