



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/2/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-262

West Chatham YMCA Child Learning Center

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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.
05/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support	
09/01/2022	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/01/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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
A/S building	adult gym		0	0	C	108	C	NA	NA	
A/S building	conference room		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
A/S building	Gym		0	0	C	163	C	NA	NA	
A/S building	kid fit gym		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Child Learning Center	1st left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Child Learning Center	1st right	Infants	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Nap
Child Learning Center	2nd left(PK)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Child Learning Center	2nd right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Child Learning Center	3rd left	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Transitioning,Lunch

Child Learning Center	3rd right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Child Learning Center	4th left	GA PreK	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Story
Child Learning Center	4th right(PK)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 138					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks			
Total # Children this Date: 77			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 313		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Child Learning Center	back left, twos	46	C
Child Learning Center	front left, toddlers	35	C
Child Learning Center	preschool/AS PG	74	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. The program does not provide medications or swimming activities. Transportation records were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/16/2023

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.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), 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant spoke with the Center Director about ensuring that storage containers for toys and equipment are in good condition. One cracked storage tote with sharp edges was removed from the Pre-K Classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

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

Not Evaluated

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

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.25(12) - This citation was corrected on this date. No heating/cooling equipment was observed accessible to the children in care.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that plungers, brooms, dust pans, and mop buckets are not accessible to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

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 observation that the fence around the Pre-K Playground measured 43-inches in height and not 48-inches as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the large double slide on the preschool/AS playground had zero mulch and grass growing in the fall zones around the slide and required at least six-inches of resilient surfacing.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2023

Recited on 5/2/2023

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 was a active medium sized ant bed on the PreK playground on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

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.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.21(p) - This citation was corrected on this date based on a review of records.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.21(3) - This citation was corrected on this date based on a review of records.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.29(3) - This citation was corrected and Required Reporting rules were discussed.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - This citation was corrected on this date. Evidence of transportation training was observed on this date.

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 the consultant's observation of routine transportation that a second check of the vehicle was not completed by a staff member immediately upon the first check of the vehicle on May 1, 2022 for the PM routes for West Chatham Elementary and Pooler Elementary. Additionally, the second check was not documented by a staff member immediately upon the first check of the vehicle on May 2, 2022 for the AM routes for West Chatham Elementary and Pooler Elementary.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

Recited on 5/2/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that three crib mattresses in the Second Right (2R) Classroom had tears with exposed foam making them no longer waterproof as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was corrected on this date. All crib sheets were observed to be in good condition on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.14(1)(a) - This citation was corrected based on a review of records on this date.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records **Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

This citation was corrected based on a review of records on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.33(3) - This citation was corrected based on a review of records on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

31(2)(b)2. - This citation was corrected based on a review of records on this date. CDA information was entered during the visit.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.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 one staff member in the third left (3L) Classroom was observed putting out sleep mats and the other staff member was assisting two children with using the bathroom and at least one staff member was not seated within an arm's length away from the other 7 two-year-old children who were eating lunch as required. Additionally, three staff members in the second left (2L) Classroom were observed putting out rest mats and at least one staff member was not seated within an arm's length away from the 10 two-year-old children during lunch on this date as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

Recited on 5/2/2023