



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/19/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:40 AM **Departure:** 12:25 PM

CCLC-34706

Young Mindz Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</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 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.
02/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/09/2024	Licensing Study	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
Building Two	D- Center Classroom- Afterschool		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67					
Main	A-Left Front - Toddler	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C 2nd right-Infants	Infants	1	1	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B -Center - 3-5	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	18	C	25	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67					
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building Two	School Age Playground	28	C
Main	left side	30	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	4	10	13	15	5	7

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decga.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@decga.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)

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

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1)(a) requires Center Staff to maintain a file for each child that includes a description of any special procedures to be followed in caring for the child, including any special services which the Center agrees to provide to a Child with Special Needs. It was determined by review of records that Child #3 was missing Doctor information from the enrollment application. Additionally, Child #4 was missing parent name and number from the enrollment application.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a written plan with the parent or guardian for a child who requires special procedures to be followed and maintain the plan in the child's file.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025

Recited on 2/19/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.08(3) requires Center Staff to maintain a file for each child that includes documentation of incidents requiring professional medical attention, other than simple first aid performed by Center Staff, to include: child's name, type of illness or injury, date of illness or injury, how injury or illness occurred, Staff present, method of notifying Parent(s) and services provided to the child. It was determined based on a review of records that Child #2 was missing release person name and number from the enrollment application.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director will review the documentation requirements with Center Staff, which will include notifying the director or person-in-charge of such an incident, and will ensure the required information related to incidents is maintained on file for each child.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

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)**Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Health and Hygiene

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please ensure that all new hires have a current copy of First Aid and CPR on file.

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**

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Corrected on 2/19/2025

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all classrooms to be operating within appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Corrected on 2/19/2025

.32(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all classrooms to be operating within appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.