



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/16/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-4288

Flint River Learning Christian 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.
07/16/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/28/2023	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
Main	1st left Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	A/S left side back		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	A/S left side front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd Rt	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	18	C	Nap
Main	Back Right 3's & 4's		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C Front Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84					
Total # Children this Date: 23					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	45	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/16/2024

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 user id 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.state.ga.us 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that in room A/S Left side front did not have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment for the ages served in the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.12(2) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/7/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.25(11) - Citation observed to be corrected. The carper was observed to be in good repair.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there were exposed nails on playground fencing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

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 were thorn weeds growing on the red 4x4 truck structure.

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: 7/31/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that three children in the 1st Left Infants classroom had pacifier attached to their clothing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

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

591-1-1.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.30(1)(b)1 - Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Staff Records

591-1-1.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit on September 7, 2023.

591-1-1.24 Personnel Records	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.24(1) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed identifying information in the employees files.

591-1-1.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.31(1)(b)2. - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed documentation on the director's enrollment to met the education requirement.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed lead teachers with credentials.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.31(2)(b)3.(iii) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed enrollment documentation for applicable staff.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.