



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/5/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:10 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-51181

Learning Ladder Wiz Kids Academy

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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.
04/05/2023	POI Follow Up	Support	
03/17/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
05/25/2022	POI Follow Up	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	A-1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B-1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	13	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch
Main	D-3L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			38		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to follow up from the previous visit on March 17, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/20/2023

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Andrea King, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed equipment to be secure throughout the center.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed complete records for five of five children's files.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation of age appropriate immunizations for five of five children's records.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.19(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to be within their licensed capacity.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the playground to be kept clean and free of hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.10(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Staff stated knowledge of proper diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/5/2023

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed appropriate hand washing throughout the center.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on review of records that staff #6, date of hire June 18, 2019, did not have evidence of current certification in CPR and first aid.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Recited on 4/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of record that staff #1, date of hire July 5, 2022, and staff #4, date of hire August 12, 2022, did not have evidence of completed health and safety orientation training.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Recited on 4/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #5, date of hire June 18, 2019, did not meet the minimum academic requirements required of a lead caregiver.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Recited on 4/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the ratio was 1:11 (1 one-year old child and 10 two-year-old children) in classroom B-1L. A ratio of 2:11 was required.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Recited on 4/5/2023

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****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 a three-year-old child was alone for approximately one minute in classroom A-1R. The staff member and other children were on the playground. It was further determined that staff was not seated with two-year-old children during lunch in classroom B-1L.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023