



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/18/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM

Departure: 1:25 PM

CCLC-52680

Horizon Christian Learning 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.
09/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/06/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/06/2023	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
Building II	F (106)- 6-18 yrs		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A (105) 6 wks- 18 mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	TV,Free Play
Main	B (104)- 4-5 yrs		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C (103) - 3yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D (102) 2 yr		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E (101) 1yr	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 4 yrs-18 yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 3 yrs	22	C
Main	Playground C - 6wks-2 yrs	20	C

Comments

Monitoring visit completed on 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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Dr. Zina Benton, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Regional Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the wooden bookshelf and rug are properly secured as required. The bookshelf was moved on site. The rug corners will be taped down until a new rug is ordered.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the soap used for handwashing is appropriate and does not state, "Keep out of reach of children."

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

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure the yellow, blue and red climbing structure on Playground A is free of rust and chipped paint on the metal stairway. Additionally, please monitor the climbing structure for chipped paint and pressure wash to ensure cleanliness.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/18/2023

Correction of citation in that the director reported that the staff member will immediately report to the director or assistant director of an incident. The staff member will immediately complete an incident report and notify the parent immediately of any serious injuries and/or discomfort for their child. The director or assistant director will also notify the parent at the end of the day of any incidents as required.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for both vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in P8553 and K3693 were completed on August 8, 2023.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on June 6, 2023.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.