



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/30/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:55 PM

Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-34706

Young Mindz 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.
11/30/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/05/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/24/2022	MV 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
Building Two	D- Center Classroom-Afterschool	GA PreK	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67							
Main	A-Left Front - Toddler	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 2nd right-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	Room B -Center - 3-5	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	25	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67							
Total # Children this Date: 32			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

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on November 30, 2023 with the Director Mentrell Sabir. Background checks were all reviewed on November 30, 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.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!

Mentrell Sabir, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Regional Consultant

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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.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 11/30/2023

.26(4) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed the gap repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Director covering the rust on the riding merry-go-round handle bars on left side playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that an one-year-old child's hands were not washed after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023

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.

591-1-1-13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

591-1-1-36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a current annual safety check for vehicle # CF53153 on file on this date. The last vehicle inspection on file was dated October 24, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2023**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 11/30/2023

.33(3) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed staff # 5 as the Driver.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2023

Corrected on 11/30/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - Citation corrected. Staff #1 currently enrolled in the CDA program.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 11/30/2023

.32(2) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed the appropriate staff:child ratios on this day.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 11/30/2023

.32(4)(a) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed children grouped with the appropriate age.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.