



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/22/2023 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 6:05 PM Departure: 7:05 PM
Follow Up

CCLC-48743

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Victory Little Scholars

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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.
02/22/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/03/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/26/2023	Complaint Investigation 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 2	A- 1L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	B- 1R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	C- 2L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	D- 2R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	E- Back room		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A- 1R	One Year Olds	1	9	NC	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B- 2R	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 3R		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- 2L		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-1L		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground D - 4 and up	76	C
Main	Playground A (Infants - 2 yrs) Right side	43	C
Main	Playground B	27	C
Main	Playground C: 4 & UP- Middle	77	C
Main	Playground D- 4's Front of Bldg 2	54	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up to the previous visit conducted on January 26, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Valencia Lavender, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 2/23/2023

.26(4) - All fence gates were observed to be closed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2023

Corrected on 2/23/2023

.26(9) - The cots, drainage pipe and classroom rug were all removed from the playground.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50.

It was determined that upon arrival at the center, there were nine, one-year-old children in Room A-1R with one staff person. Two staff persons were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2023

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 upon arrival at the center, there was one staff person in Room D-Middle with 14 three four, and five-year-old children. The staff person was sleeping on a mat and was covered with a blanket. The staff person in charge had to wake the staff person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2023