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Date: 1/28/2025 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-29170

Homer Baptist Learning Center and Afterschool

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Same

Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/28/2025	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/24/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
12/10/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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-5-10 Years-Garage		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	B 1 L		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2L -2 Year Olds		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Infants		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- 3L-3-4 Years		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	38	C
Main	Playground B	25	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and POI/F/U.

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



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

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.

Children's Records

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

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.26(6) - The citation was observed corrected, in that, the two red and yellow "Little Tikes" push cars and the blue, yellow, and red "Little Tikes" sliding structure were removed from the playground and the pink, blue, and white "Little Tikes" playhouse door was repaired.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed red, blue, tan, and green "Little Tikes" sliding structure has mulch for resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the structure on Playground A. The Center will be adding a barrier to encapsulate the mulch within the fall zones to prevent mulch from washing away during inclement weather. Furthermore, the "Little Tikes" yellow, red, and blue sliding structure was removed from Playground A and is no longer on the premises.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines. Center allows families to bring sack lunches and snack from home and do not serve meals from the center. Center provides USDA menu guidelines for families to follow and check daily sack lunches to ensure they are following USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

There were no diapering children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present during visit on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed fire drills conducted November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025 and tornado and other emergency situation drills conducted every six months.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Comment

There were no children present during this visit on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.13(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the center discontinued field trips to and from the center. The center will ensure that all emergency medical information for each child who goes on a field trip will be obtained if the center restarts field trips again.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the center discontinued transportation to and from center. The center has received Transportation training and will ensure correct documentation in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle if the center decides in the future to start transportation again.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the center discontinued transportation to and from center. The center has received Transportation training and will ensure correct documentation in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle if the center decides in the future to start transportation again.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.30(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed the cots and mats not stacked and stored separately from the sheets and blankets.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed documentation of orientation for each staff hired.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed documentation of health and safety training. The center will continue to track and schedule health and safety training for all new hires and existing staff.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed documentation of 10 hours of annual training completed. The center will continue to track and schedule annual training for all new hires and existing staff.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.31(1)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed documentation of the Director enrolled in a CDA program.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Corrected on 1/28/2025

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected, in that, the consultant observed documentation of all staff hired enrolled in a CDA program via DECAL Scholars.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present during visit on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present during visit on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.