



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/19/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:35 PM

CCLC-16951

Towne Square Academy at Green Valley

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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.
08/19/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/30/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Room 1	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 10	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 11		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	Room 2		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room 3		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
Main	Room 4	One Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 5	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 6	GA PreK	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room 7	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	20	C	Transitioning
Main	Room 8		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	Room 9	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215				
Total # Children this Date: 83			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1 (toddlers)	50	C
Main	Playground 2 (preschool)	72	C
Main	Playground 3 (school age)	41	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	18	26	15	40	0	27

Comments

A monitoring visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/19/2024

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



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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

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

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 8/19/2024

Correction of citation in that the hazards were stored and inaccessible to children on this date.

Consultant discussed with the director to replace latches when they are no longer in good repair.

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

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that playgrounds are protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the fencing surrounding Playground 2 and 3 are in good repair at the top and bottom areas and to replace the fencing surrounding the playground areas where the borders could be used as a stepping stool for children in care as the areas measured approximately three feet and four inches to three feet eight inches in some areas. The fencing will be repaired and replaced by September 16, 2024. Pictures will be submitted to the Department.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playgrounds are kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to monitor the playground for potential hazards daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 8/19/2024

Correction of citation in that all four infant feeding plans of enrolled children were complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 8/19/2024

Correction of citation in that the menu met USDA guidelines on this date. Meatballs were removed from the menu.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 8/19/2024

Correction of citation in that proper handwashing was observed throughout the center on this date.

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

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

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag numbers ending in B9610 and I2673 were completed on February 19, 2024.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in D7818 was not in use at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that crib mattress are firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. The director will order either mattress or waterproof washable materials to cover six mattresses in the infant classroom. This will be corrected and submitted to the Department by COB: September 3, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure cribs shall have tight-fitting sheets as required. Four infants were present with tight fitted sheets. The director will order additional tight fitted sheets as a back up for when sheets are in need of being washed daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2024

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****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 March 25, 2024.

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 a review of records one staff member hired on March 24, 2024 did not complete first aid and CPR training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

This citation will be deferred and reviewed during the next licensing study visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

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.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.