



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/6/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:35 PM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-56462

Meghan's Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/06/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A: Infant	Infants	1	4	C	4	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B: One's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: 2s & 3s	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D: Afterschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	19	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 46					
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 46				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. The Director stated that the program does not provide routine transportation, administer medications, or provide swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2023

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

Meghan Canady, Program Official

Date

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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)

Not Evaluated

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that all unused electrical outlets are covered with protective caps to keep them inaccessible to the children in care. Two caps were added to unused outlets during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2023

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-36 Transportation(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 9/6/2023

.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was corrected on this date. New cribs and mattresses had been purchased since the last visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2023

Corrected on 9/6/2023

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was corrected on this date. All cribs were observed to have individual, tight-fitting sheets as required during a visit on this date.

	Staff Records
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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.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(5) requires that during day-time rest or sleeping periods, at least one Staff person is in each room providing direct supervision of the children and all Staff required by these rules relating to Staff: child ratios are in the Center and available to assure safe evacuation in an emergency. Staff: child ratios may be doubled for children three (3) years and older provided these requirements are met.

The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that appropriate child:staff ratios are followed during naptime in the two-year-old classroom. The consultant explained that naptime ratios only double for children three-years-old and older. One staff member was observed with 11 two-year-old children. Another staff member immediately went into the classroom to provide a staff:child ratio of 2:11 in the two-year-old classroom.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2023

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.