



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/1/2024 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 12:15 PM Departure: 3:30 PM
Follow Up

CCLC-2029

Saint Mark UMC Child Development Center

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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.
02/01/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/14/2023	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
Single	Room 108	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Single	Room 109	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Room 118	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Room 119	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Room 121	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Room 126	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Room 129		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Single	Room 130		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 53		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	playground	107	C

Comments

February 1, 2024--The Follow up visit was completed on this date.

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 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!

Tavada Patton, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Regional Consultant

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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: 1/20/2024

Corrected on 2/1/2024

The correction was made. The resilient surface was dug out and the bench placed on solid ground and the legs were recovered with resilient surface. A tipping hazard was no longer posed.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2024

Corrected on 2/1/2024

.26(9) -

Health and Hygiene

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

Defer

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The Director stated no new medications were administered since the last regulatory visit on January 10, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2024

Policies and Procedures

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

Defer

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The fire drill was scheduled for February 2, 2024. The Director stated their fire alarm was currently being worked on and they planned to use an air horn for the drill.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.
Tornado drills will be conducted twice per year (every six months).

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2024

Corrected on 2/1/2024

The correction was observed on this date. There were no infants observed to be asleep in equipment other than their cribs. Further, an infant that could not roll was observed to be placed on their back for their nap.