



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 10/4/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-57130

Bloom Learning Academy

80 Charleston Place Covington, GA 30016 Newton County
 (678) 744-7310 bloomceo@mhousechildcare.com

Regional Consultant

Kajora McCoy

Phone: (678) 239-9361

Fax:

kajora.mccoy@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address
 Same

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.
10/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/12/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/15/2023	Incident Investigation/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 Building	A - 1st Left - Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main Building	B - 2nd Left 1Yr	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Diapering
Main Building	Cafe		0	0	C	39	C	55	C	
Main Building	F- 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	G - 3rd Right Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	34	C	Transitioning
Main Building	H - 4th Right Preschool	GA PreK	1	13	C	27	C	37	C	Outside, Transitioning
Main Building	I - 5th Right School Age		0	0	C	37	C	51	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 280							
Total # Children this Date: 52			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 280				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	A - Infant Toddler	19	C
Main Building	B - School Age	90	C

Comments

Consultant conducted an onsite licensing study on October 4, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/04/2023

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.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!

Celithia Reams, Program Official

Date

Kajora McCoy, Regional Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

(Findings Report)

Date: 10/4/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:20 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-57130

Bloom Learning Academy

80 Charleston Place Covington, GA 30016 Newton County
(678) 744-7310 bloomceo@mhousechildcare.com

Regional Consultant

Kajora McCoy

Phone: (678) 239-9361

Fax:

kajora.mccoy@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address
Same

The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.03(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. Appropriate interactions and activities were observed.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that children's enrollment applications are completed with doctor/clinic information.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Evening Care

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

Discussed evening care hours staffing/supervision requirements with the director on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.26(6) - This citation was corrected on this date. Children were observed to play on age appropriate playground equipment.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.17(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper handwashing was observed throughout.

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
--	------------

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
-----------------------------------	------------

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
---------------------------------------	------------

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
----------------------------	------------

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
------------------------------------	------------

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
---------------------------------------	----------------

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.36(7)(a) - This citation was corrected on this date. Transportation authorizations were observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.36(7)(b) - This citation was corrected on this date. Emergency medical authorizations were observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documents that the following were missing:

- Unload indicators for fourteen children who were transported from West Newton Elementary on the PM route on September 25, 2023.
- Unload indicators for four children who were transported from Oak Hill Elementary on the PM route on September 25, 2023.
- Unload indicators for three children who were transported from Oak Hill Elementary on the PM route on September 20, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of documents that the following first checks were missing:

- Five children transported from Middle Ridge Elementary on September 19, 2023.
- Five children transported from Middle Ridge Elementary on September 20, 2023.
- Five children transported from Middle Ridge Elementary on September 21, 2023.
- One child transported from Live Oak Elementary on September 20, 2023.
- One child transported from Live Oak Elementary on September 21, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of documents that the following second checks were missing:

- One child transported from Live Oak Elementary on September 20, 2023.
- Four children transported from Oak Hill Elementary on September 25, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure that crib sheets are in good condition and do not have holes.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023****Corrected on 10/4/2023****.09(1)(a) - This citation was corrected on this date. All employees were observed to have submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site****Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023****Corrected on 10/4/2023****.09(1)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed every Employee to have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center**

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023****Corrected on 10/4/2023****.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Adequate supervision was observed.**

