



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/18/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:00 PM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-46535

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Gems 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.
10/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/27/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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- Pearls	Infants	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- Turquoise		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- Amber	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D- Garnet	One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E- Aquamarine		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Topaz	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	G- Sapphire		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	H- Amethyst		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	I- Jasper	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	35	C	Free Play
Main	J- Jade	GA PreK	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	K- Diamond		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Main	L- Emerald		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 216							
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 216							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infants/Toddlers	27	C
Main	B- School age	116	C
Main	C- 2yrs-5yrs	80	C
Main	D- Toddler to 2yrs	13	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous citations.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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!

Qureshi Saima, Program Official

Date

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Tasha McDonald, Lead Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(6) - Consultant discussed with the provider that children under the age of three should not be confined in equipment for more than thirty minutes consecutively.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023

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.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- Room A-Pearls contained dirty cabinets;
- Room C-Amber contained dirty rugs/carpet, baseboards, tables;
- Room D-Garnet contained dirty baseboards, dirty carpet, chipped paint on the wall with exposed sheet rock;
- Room F-Topaz contained exposed bolts in the bathroom;
- Room I-Jasper contained exposed bolts in the bathroom;
- Room J-Jade contained dirty and warped carpet, loose carpet border;
- Room K-Diamond contained ripped carpet, sheet rock exposed on the wall, exposed bolts in the bathroom, missing toilet seat;
- Room L-Emerald contained dirty carpet, chipped paint on the wall exposing the sheet rock.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023****Corrected on 10/18/2023**

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the playground had the resilient surfacing in the fall zones on this date.

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: 4/28/2023****Corrected on 10/18/2023**

.17(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed children to be changed based on required diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that three of eight crib sheets were loose and not tight fitting on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Corrected on 10/18/2023

.30(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed two infants sleeping and neither had any items attached or in the crib.

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-.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**

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023

Corrected on 10/18/2023

.32(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the staff child ratios to be within compliance.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.