



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/17/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 10:10 AM

CCLC-11594

Harper Creative Learning Center

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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. 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.
01/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/23/2023	Licensing Study	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	Front Left	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	7	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Large Back	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Right Main (Entrance)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	22	C	Transitioning, Centers
Main	Small Back		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 60					
Total # Children this Date: 22					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 60					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Main	70	C

Comments

Plan Developed on this date.

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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Yashanda Walker, 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the feeding table in the Large Back Room needs to have the safety straps for all chairs.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2024

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.12(5) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.19(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.25(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.26(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.26(8) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed to monitor and ensure that the requirements continue to be met for all fall zones.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.26(9) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 1/17/2024

.15(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that a center staff member was present at the center with an expired comprehensive background check.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will [toubmit for a new background check ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will monitor decal koala to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2024**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)4. requires the Center to immediately obtain a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for any Director, Employee, or Provisional Employee if the Department so requests. It was determined based on a review of records that a center staff member was present at the center with an expired background check.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will submit for a new background check and obtain a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for any Director, Employee or Provisional Employee when requested by the Department. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will minitor decal koala to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2024**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023**

Corrected on 1/17/2024
.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.