



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: 7/29/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-23135

Mountain Area Christian Academy

14090 Old Hwy 76 Morganton, GA 30560 Fannin County
(706) 374-6222 tkincaid@macalions.org

Regional Consultant

Brittany Lindsey

Phone: (770) 405-7931

Fax:

brittany.lindsey@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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.
07/29/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/17/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/25/2023	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	A-Room 104		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-Room 105	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-Room 106		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-Room 107		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-Room 108		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Room 109		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	G- Room 103	One Year Olds	1	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 9		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	49	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to 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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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: 7/29/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-23135

Mountain Area Christian Academy

14090 Old Hwy 76 Morganton, GA 30560 Fannin County
(706) 374-6222 tkincaid@macalions.org

Regional Consultant

Brittany Lindsey

Phone: (770) 405-7931

Fax:

brittany.lindsey@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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) **Met**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2024

.25(13) - The previous citations of the sunscreen cans observed stored in the low shelf in Room 105 and Clorox wipes in the bathroom in Room 107 were corrected in which these hazardous materials and supplies were placed in a locked closet in their rooms.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Met**

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
--	---------------

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
--	---

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2024

.30(4) - The previous citation of mats stored on the floor in the bathroom next to the toilet in Room 106 was observed to be corrected by consultant in that the mats were stored in each child's individual labeled cubby behind the classroom's locked closet door.

	Staff Records
--	----------------------

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2024

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation of staff #8 and staff #33 not having a Records Check Application and fingerprints submitted was corrected in that the consultant reviewed staff #8 record of submitted Records Check Application to the Department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site on 6/21/2024 and staff #33 record of submitted Records Check Application to the Department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site on 6/17/2024.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation of staff #8 and staff #33 not having a Comprehensive Records Check on file prior to being present at the center was observed to be corrected based on the consultant review of staff #8 and staff #33 records indicating a Comprehensive Satisfactory Records Check Determination on file 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

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

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

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

Comment

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