



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/31/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-48159

The Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/31/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/18/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
02/22/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	Infants	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	29	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Art,Centers
Main	F	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 74					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	24	C
Main	Playground B	37	C

Comments

An in person licensing study was conducted on this date. The provider stated they do not administer medication and they do not offer routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The center will ensure that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. The child sized chair and couch in room C has tears and peeling tape. Please repair, remove, or replace items.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

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

Met

Comment

The director stated the center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.08(1) - This rule was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant checked five children's files that each had complete records.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The center will have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan. The cover on the exhaust fan in the bathroom for Room C is hanging loose from the fan and not covering it. Please repair or replace.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

The center will require that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The bathroom at the back left of the building that is used by the children in Classroom F had a bag of pullups stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink. The bathroom at the back right of the building that is used by the children in Classroom E had a toilet brush next to one of the toilets. Please ensure items are inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the outdoor playground equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. The green and red chalkboard, the green house and the tricycle merry-go-rounds had a couple small rust spots. The plastic yellow house has a sharp crack with a three inch hole on the door. Please repair, remove, or replace items as applicable.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2024**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The center will require baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. Please ensure formula provided by parents is already mixed and supplied in the child's daily bottles.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023****Corrected on 7/31/2024**

.07(5) - This rule was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that none of the children had items around their neck or pacifier clips attached to their clothing.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023****Corrected on 7/31/2024**

.10(4) - This rule was observed to be corrected on this date. All the changing pads in the classrooms were observed to be nonporous and free of debris and dirt.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023**

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.17(8) - The rule was observed to be corrected. Staff stated the various times children and staff wash their hands throughout the day and the consultant observed children washing hands as needed.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider stated the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider stated the Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider stated the 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)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2023

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.33(3) - This rule was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed staff files and observed that all required staff had completed health and safety orientation.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2024

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.33(5) - This rule was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed staff files and all staff had record of completing the required ten hours of annual training for the 2023 calendar year.

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
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Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.32(1) - The consultant observed correct ratios on this date.

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

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