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Date: 11/18/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-29170

Homer Baptist Learning Center and Afterschool

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
11/18/2024	POI Follow Up	Support	
10/18/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
10/08/2024	LS POI 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-5-10 Years-Garage	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside,Lunch
Main	B 1 L		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-2L -2 Year Olds		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Infnats		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- 3L-3-4 Years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Outside
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	38	C
Main	Playground B	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on October 8, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/04/2024

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.decal.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@decal.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 POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed five of five children's files to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the fence surrounding the playground areas to be clean and in good repair. Please continue to monitor the fence for normal wear and tear (i.e., potential entrapment hazards, etc.).

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor 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. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment was not in good repair:

- Playground A - Two red and yellow "Little Tikes" push cars were missing the steering wheels, the blue, yellow, and red "Little Tikes" sliding structure contained a crack on the top left side of the slide located on the front-right side of the playground, and the pink, blue, and white "Little Tikes" playhouse contained a broken door.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the red, blue, tan, and green "Little Tikes" sliding did not have any resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the structure located on the back-left side of playground A. Further observation revealed that the yellow, red, and blue "Little Tikes" sliding structure did not have any resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the structure located on the front-right side of playground A.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Recited on 11/18/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the playground area to be clean of potential hazardous items. Please ensure to continue to monitor the black mat located at the front entrance of playground A to ensure that the mat remains flushed with the ground.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have documentation of a fire drill for the month of October 2024.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2024

Recited on 11/18/2024

Safety

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

Defer

Defer

The previous citation was deferred due to the center not conducting any field trips until summer camp begins.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the director to have evidence of a current transportation training certificate on file. The director completed the required training on October 24, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed vehicle tag #PQE1298 to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report on file that will expire on October 30, 2025. Please ensure that the vehicle inspection is completed annually.

Defer

The previous citation was deferred due to the center not conducting any field trips until summer camp begins.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

Defer

The previous citation was deferred due to the center not conducting any field trips until summer camp begins.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the mats in classroom E-3L-3-4 Years and classroom C-2L-2 Year Olds to have sheets available for each mat.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the mats in classroom E-3L-3-4 Years were observed to be stacked on top of each other on a table located on the back-right side of the classroom. The mats in classroom C-2L - 2 Year Olds were observed to be stacked two two a cubby located on the front-right side of the classroom. Each of the stacked mats were observed to have the sheets covering each mat.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2024

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 11/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The previously cited staff member is no longer employed with the center. Please ensure that all newly hired staff members complete first aid and CPR training (pediatrics) within the first 90-days of their date of hire.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #1, date of hire September 2, 2024, and staff member #4, date of hire July 24, 2024, did not have evidence of receiving the initial center orientation prior to assignment to children and/or tasks.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2024

Recited on 11/18/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based upon a review of records that staff member #3, date of hire October 4, 2023, did not complete the required health and safety orientation training within the first 90-days of their date of hire. The consultant observed the staff member to complete eight hours of health and safety orientation training.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Recited on 11/18/2024

Defer

The previous citation was deferred. The consultant discussed ensuring current staff members complete the required 10-clock hours of annual training for the year 2024 by December 31, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on review of records that staff member #2 date of hire August 11, 2023, did not met the minimum academic requirements required of a director.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Recited on 11/18/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #1, date of hire September 2, 2024, staff member #3, date of hire October 4, 2024, and staff member #4, date of hire July 24, 2024, did not meet the minimum academic requirements required to be a lead teacher.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024

Recited on 11/18/2024