



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/4/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

CCLC-39017

Harmony Academy Learning Center

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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.
10/04/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/27/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	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 - 1st Left	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Main	B - 2nd Left	Infants	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - 2nd Right	GA PreK	2	19	C	32	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F - 1st Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G - Right Side Hall 1st Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H - Right Side Hall 1st Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	38	C	NA	NA	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 92			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	40	C
Main	B- Middle	29	C
Main	C- Mid Left	31	C
Main	D- Left	24	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous visit conducted on December 27, 2022.

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.decga.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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Mary Murphy, Program Official	Date
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Shannon Curtis, Process & QI Unit Consultant	Date
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Marquita Brown-Opeloyeru, Regional Consultant	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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.12(4) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed plastic storage shelf in classroom B was secured.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center Director stated that the center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children including brooms and dust pans in the infant classrooms.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.26(7) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed the grey plastic rock climbing equipment was anchored and filled with sand for added support on the Classroom E playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed in Room A classroom.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.17(7) - Previous citation was corrected. Teachers stated hand washing procedures throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for three previous medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection was observed in classroom H.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Pleasant nap time environment observed.

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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.