



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/10/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 5:00 PM

CCLC-38463

CreekStone Academy at Little Tikes

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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.
09/10/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/25/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
02/12/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
			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.

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/1R/1	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Transitioning
Main	B/1L/2	Infants	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C/2L/3	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D/3L/4		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	E/1CL/5	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	F/ 2CL/9		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	G/3CL/11	GA PreK	3	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time,Centers
Main	H/4CL/13		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Main	I/5CL/15		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	J/CBack/16	GA PreK	2	13	C	25	C	35	C	Outside,Transiti
Main	K/7R/14	GA PreK	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti
Main	L/6R/12	GA PreK	2	15	C	19	C	26	C	Outside,Transiti
Main	M/5R/10	GA PreK	3	15	C	26	C	36	C	Centers,Circle Time,Transiti
Main	N/4R/8	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers

Main	O/3R/7		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA
Main	P/2R/6		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 310

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 310

Total # Children this Date: 116

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A/1R/Front	33	C
Main	PG B/2R	18	C
Main	PG C/3R	14	C
Main	PG D/1L Front	10	C
Main	PG E/L Back	46	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	8	13	19	83	0	60

Comments

A Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/10/2024

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.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 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 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

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. Please ensure to monitor the restroom and diapering ventilation for normal wear and tear and dust.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potentially hazardous equipment, materials or supplies were accessible to the children in care:

- Classroom 3- A teacher's purse/bag on top of a child's cubby, a bottle of Tums on top of a child's cubby, Dawn Dish Soap in a cubby.
- Classroom 8- A package of wipes was stored in a child's cubby, a package of pull-ups was stored in a child's cubby, a grocery bag was observed hanging on a hook in a child's cubby, and a package of wipes in the restroom.
- Classroom 14- A pair of adult's scissors was sitting on top of cots, two Kroger grocery bags were sitting on top of cots, a package of 75% alcohol wipes on top of shelf that holds blocks for block center, a stapler was on the shelf in the art center, a package of wipes on the sink's counter.
- Classroom 16- Dollar Tree grocery bag on top of a child's cubby and grocery bags was observed hanging on a hook in the boys' restroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Recited on 9/10/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. Please ensure to monitor ceiling tiles/panels for stains, water damage, dust and etc.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/13/2023

Corrected on 9/10/2024

.29(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Assistant Director stated the procedures of how and when to report any cases or suspected cases of notifiable communicable diseases to the Department and to the local County Health Department.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Please monitor first aid kits on buses for expired items.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records Bus # 2 with Tag #PZT9775 annual vehicle inspection expired on March 10, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that most of the seats on Bus #2 have torn and ripped seat covers with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016.

It was determined based on review of records that the following staff members did not obtain first aid and CPR training within their first 90 days of employment:

- Staff member #1, date of hire of January 8, 2024,
- Staff member #7, date of hire of February 1, 2024 and
- Staff member #30, date of hire May 1, 2024

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Recited on 9/10/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

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 on review of records that the following staff members did not complete health and safety orientation training within their first 90 days of employment:

- Staff member #1, date of hire of January 8, 2024,
- Staff member #7, date of hire of February 1, 2024 and
- Staff member #30, date of hire May 1, 2024

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Recited on 9/10/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. Please ensure the cook obtain training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage within the first year of employment.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

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