



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/14/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-37311

1st Creative Learning Academy #3

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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. 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.
08/14/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/12/2023	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	2's- 2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A-I 1st Right - Infant/Toddlers		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- 3 to 13yrs 1st Left	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	31	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm. C-PreK-3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm. D-(4 to 13yrs) 3rd Left		0	0	C	30	C	43	C	
Main	Rm. E- 3's 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 143					
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 143				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Picnic Area left side	0	C
Main	PreK/School Ae	74	C
Main	Riding Area	15	C
Main	Toddler	41	C

Comments

Today's visit was to follow up on previous rule violations and conduct a Licensing Study.

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.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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the ceiling tile in the back left school age classroom bathroom where it has become broken.

Consultant also discussed with Director to ensure the water pressure is sufficient in all classrooms for appropriate handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor all exhaust fans in bathrooms for dust accumulation, and ensure that all are in good working order.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the following areas of fencing:

Left Patio area: Secure the bottom of the fencing where it is curling up.

Back Left Fencing on the Pre-K/School Age Playground: Ensure that all of the poles are secured to the fencing material, and no gaps are present.

Basket Ball and Toddler Playgrounds: Ensure no vines are protruding through the fence.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the Director to repair or repaint the green climber and yellow school bus on the Pre-K/ School Age playground where paint is chipping.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with Director to redistribute resilient surfacing under all slides and fall zones.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(7) - Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that string cheese is not served to children the age of four years.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 -Consultant discussed with the Director and staff to ensure that cots are stored in away that sheets are not touching another child's bedding.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Corrected on 8/14/2024

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation is corrected, The were no infants observed on this date. Consultant discussed Safe Sleep Practices with the Director.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.

Comment

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