



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/11/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:40 PM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

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YBASE at Isle of Hope K-8

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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.
05/11/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/05/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/02/2022	Licensing Study	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	B-Band		0	0	C	49	C	NA	NA					
Main	Cafeteria	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	52	NC	91	C	NA	NA	Free Play				
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			91			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0					
Total # Children this Date: 52			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			91			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
						Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request								

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	0	C
Main	Playground B	21	C

Comments

A Licensing study was conducted on this date. This a school age only program. The program does not provide transportation services.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/11/2023

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!

Lorenzo Doe, Program Official

Date

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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)

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.

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.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed not letting the children use the red standing swinging bar equipment on the left playground. The chain that anchors the bottom in the ground was broken on one of the swings.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

This is an after school only program. The program only serves prepackaged meals.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Handwashing was not observed during the visit. Discussed handwashing procedures with the staff.

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

The Program does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****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 a review of records that the program did not have evidence of emergency drills for the year 2023 available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on site for two years.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Center does not participate in field trips.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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**

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 a review of records that staff #5 who was hired in August 2022 did not have evidence of CPR and first aid training within the first 90 days of hire.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for the year 2022.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) requires the Center to have a Director who is responsible for the supervision, operation and maintenance of the Center. The Director must be on the Center's premises. If the Director is absent from the Center at any time during the hours of the Center's operation, there shall be an officially designated person on the Center site to assume responsibility for the operation of the Center, and this person shall have full access to all records required to be maintained under these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that the program does not have a site director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure a director, responsible for the supervision, operation and maintenance of the Center is on the premises during operating hours. The Center will officially designate a person to assume responsibility for the operation of the Center when the director is not present who has full access to all records.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.-The center does not have a site director at this time. This rule will be evaluated during the next visit when a new site director is hired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The site director does have another degree that meets that rules requirements for a director. The director will obtain copy of the degree or college transcript for documentation. This documentation will be kept on file and available for review.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a ratio of 52 children ages four years old and older was observed in the cafeteria with two staff. Based on the number of children present three staff persons were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.