



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:05 PM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-32801

East Lake Early Learning Academy

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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.
12/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/18/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
10/19/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	

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	1R-Hungry Catpillers	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R-Busy Spiders	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R-Curious Crickets	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4R-Brown Bears	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5L-1R Green Frogs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6L-2R Yellow Ducks	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 85

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	21	C
Main	B	32	C

Comments


An in-person inspection was conducted on December 03, 2022 with the Education Manager. Background checks were all reviewed on December 15, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 15, 2022. Staff files, children’s files, and training documentation were all reviewed.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Monitoring Study Visit report was given to the Education Manager on December 15, 2022.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/15/2022

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

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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

LaTasha Gray, Program Official _____ Date _____

Verlyn Gant, 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

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.

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 hazards were observed:

- Main 2R Busy Spiders classroom. A staff members purse was stored at low level accessible to children.
- Main 3R Curious Crickets classroom. Plastic bags were stored in the children's cubbies accessible to children. Additionally, in the 4R Brown Bears classrooms a trash bag was stored hanging over the trash can, at low level accessible to children.

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: 12/15/2022

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.17 - Proper handwashing procedures discussed with staff on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

Please ensure that all children are placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 11/22/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 03/20/2022

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2020

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2012

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 11/26/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Staff # 9

Met

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2014

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 12/02/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 12

Met

Staff # 13

Met

Staff # 14

Met

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2021

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2014

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 11/08/2021	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/21/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/27/2011	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 09/26/2011	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 02/28/2022	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.