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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/12/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM

**Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-3966**

**Noah's Ark Christian Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
09/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/03/2021	Licensing Study	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	A-202	One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	B-203	One Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	C-204	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	D-205	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	E-210	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	F-213	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	28	C	Centers	
Main	G-214	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	H-215	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	I-216	One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	J-217	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	10	C	15	C	Centers	
Main	K-218-219		0	0	C	20	C	29	C	Not In Use	
Main	L-227	PreK	2	16	C	20	C	29	C	Lunch	
Main	M-229	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	29	C	Centers	
Main	N-232	Infants	2	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap	
Main	O-234	Infants	2	2	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	P-235		0	0	C	9	C	12	C	Not In Use	
Main	Q-236-237		0	0	C	33	C	46	C	Not In Use	
<b>Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:</b>			241				<b>Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:</b>			297	
<b>Total # Children this Date:</b>			94				<b>Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:</b>			297	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (3-12 Yrs)	62	C
Main	Playground-Infant	32	C

**Comments**

Na in person visit was conducted on this date.

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



**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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) 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](http://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.'





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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**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**Comment**

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please monitor and clean daily bathrooms that are not in use in classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022**

**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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(6) requires cCenter sStaff to keep any items which might harm a child out of a child's reach. It was determined based on observation in classroom 216 a bottle of baby powder was out and within reach of children on the changing table.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any harmful item and provide instruction to staff. that includes identification and storage of hazardous items and procedures for keeping classrooms and other children's areas free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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

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

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**591-1-1-36 Transportation(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, Training, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 29****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2016

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2022

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

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2013

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 07/02/2012

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/02/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/28/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/02/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/26/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 04/02/2019	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/24/2020	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 05/07/2026	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 02/07/2012	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/18/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/21/2020	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 11/12/2018	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 03/19/2019	Met
Staff # 24	Met

**Records Reviewed: 29****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 11/03/2020

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2022

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

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 12/30/2019

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2018

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12****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****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed staff training. Please obtain required documentation.

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3) - Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date and anyone who holds a six (6) hour health and safety must take the Ten (10) hours required Health and Safety.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met**



**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.