



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Cover Sheet

Date: 10/31/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:45 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-53498

Amazing Beginnings Academy Two

3144 Highway 155 SW Stockbridge, GA 30281 Rockdale County
 (770) 474-1732 amazingbeginningsacademy2@gmail.com

Regional Consultant

Kajora McCoy

Phone: (678) 239-9361

Fax:

kajora.mccoy@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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.
10/31/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/30/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
02/22/2022	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
Building 2	Middle Room After School		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Pre-K		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main Building	A-1st Right Back 1-Year-Old		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room A 1st Right Front 2-Year-Old		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room B 1st Left 3-4-Year Old Children		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room C Middle Multipurpose Room		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room D Back Left Infants		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
----------	------------	----------------------	-----------------------

Comments

Consultant conducted an on-site monitoring visit on October 31, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/31/2022

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)

Harriet Douglas, Program Official

Date

Kajora McCoy, Consultant

Date



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 10/31/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:45 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-53498

Amazing Beginnings Academy Two

3144 Highway 155 SW Stockbridge, GA 30281 Rockdale County
(770) 474-1732 amazingbeginningsacademy2@gmail.com

Regional Consultant

Kajora McCoy

Phone: (678) 239-9361

Fax:

kajora.mccoy@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

Corrected on 10/31/2022

.12(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. The storage cabinet/bookshelf was observed to be free from hazardous conditions.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

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

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

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

Corrected on 10/31/2022

.25(13) - This citation was corrected on this date. The classrooms were observed to be free of hazardous equipment.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the right side of fence on the Toddler playground to the right of the fence gate measured at three foot and six inches when four inches was required. It was further determined that there was a four inch gap on the right fence gate on the Toddler playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there was one broken swing on the School Age/Afterschool playground. It was further determined that there was one red tunnel, one blue tunnel, and one red,yellow, and blue airplane structure that had chipping paint on the School Age/Afterschool playground. It was also determined that there was a red and silver tricycle that had rust and two rocking horses that had mold on the Preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was no resilient surface under the swings on the Preschool and School Age/After school playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the following playgrounds:

School Age/Afterschool:

- There was an overgrowth of grass and weeds under the swing structure.
- There were two basketball sized ant beds on the near the side gate and in front of the play structure.

Toddler:

- There was a sweet gumball tree located near the back right side of the playground.
- There was an eggplant sized ant bed on the playground covering the front left side of the brown storage bin..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022

Recited on 10/31/2022

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

Corrected on 10/31/2022

.18(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. Cleaning materials were observed to be store separately from food.

Health and Hygiene

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

Defer

591-1-1-.10(4)- There were no children present during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director 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

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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) **Defer**

Defer

591-1-1-.30(2)- There were no children present during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2020

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 02/09/2021

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2020

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2022

Corrected on 10/31/2022

.14(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Documentation of CPR/First Aid training were observed.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2022

Corrected on 10/31/2022

.33(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. Documentation of health and safety orientation was observed.

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) Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.32(2)-There were no children present during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

Defer

591-1-1-.32(4)- There were no children present during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.32(7)- There were no children present during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022