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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 11/3/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 12:30 PM

**Departure:** 3:30 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/03/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/16/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/09/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	A-202	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-203	One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-204	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-205	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-210	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-213	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Main	G-214	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	H-215		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-216		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J-217	Infants	2	4	C	10	C	15	C	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	K-218-219		0	0	C	20	C	29	C	Not In Use
Main	L-227	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	29	C	Nap
Main	M-229	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	29	C	Story
Main	N-232	Infants	1	2	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play, Floor Play
Main	O-234		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
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
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 241						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 297				

Total # Children this Date: 85

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 297


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

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 3, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 3, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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.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

**Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>  
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

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Shannon Langston, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided. Center does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Children's Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2021**

Corrected on 11/3/2021

.08(6) - Correction observed completed sign in and sign out forms for the classrooms.

## Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms (plunger) Room 213 for necessary supplies.

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Maintain capacities for licensed classrooms.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. Classroom D-205: It was determined that the bathroom light was inoperable on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, repair/replace light in the bathroom. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 11/3/2021**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair. Discuss new climbing equipment and resilient surfacing requirements.

## Food Service

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines, virtual observed food items storage.

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures in classroom 214.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering was observed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed.

**Safety**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019****Corrected on 11/3/2021****.13(6) - Facility currently have not participated in field trips at the time of the review.**

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Review of transportation documentation was observed to be complete.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 44****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2021

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

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2016

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2016

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2013

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/02/2012

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 10/29/2021

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

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

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

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2021

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

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2016

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2017

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 04/02/2019

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2020

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2020

Staff # 22 Met

**Records Reviewed: 44****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 10/19/2021

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

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2012

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 11/12/2018

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2019

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2019

Staff # 30 Met

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 11/03/2020

Staff # 33 Met

Date of Hire: 12/30/2019

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2016

Staff # 35 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 36 Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2019

Staff # 37 Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2018

Staff # 38 Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2020



**Records Reviewed: 44**

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

Staff # 39	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 40	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2019	
Staff # 41	Met
Date of Hire: 06/10/2016	
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/2014	
Staff # 44	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2019	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff observed during the virtual visit or listed on the staff list provided by the Director.

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratio were observed.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.