



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/13/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-2326

Oconee Preschool 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. 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.
07/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/04/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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	Lt.Hall-1L	Five Year Olds	1	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Floor Play
Main	Lt.Hall-1R	Infants and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time
Main	Lt.Hall-2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	42	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rt Hall-2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Rt. Hall-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art,Floor Play
Main	Rt.Hall-1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rt.Hall-3R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 80

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	46	C
Main	Playground B	107	C
Main	Playground C	16	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/13/2023

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.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

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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure all sinks are thoroughly wiped down throughout the day, to ensure no residue develops.

Also discussed, please monitor the soft blue chair in classroom- L hall 1L and repair or replace it where the material is beginning to develop rips, to ensure exposed foam is not present.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure all humidifiers in classrooms are secured with a strap or heavy velcro to prevent a tipping hazard from becoming present. Consultant observed humidifiers were stored on high shelves, but still should be more tightly secured.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2023

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

Met

Comment

Swimming activities provided on site. Lifeguard was observed to be present on date of the visit, pool gates were observed locked and pool was not accessible to the children without supervision.

Comment

Swimming rules discussed. Please ensure all children participating in swimming have completed their swim test prior to swimming.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

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

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed with provider to monitor the gate on the right playground to ensure the gap at the bottom is less than three and a half inches and the exposed prongs are covered. Also discussed to ensure the plants are trimmed back from the fencing in the back left corner.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the playset platforms on the left playground and back playground where the rubber is developing rips and the metal is beginning to rust. Also discussed to monitor and repair, paint or replace the chains and swing hardware where rust is beginning to develop.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2023**Food Service**

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023**Corrected on 7/13/2023**

.15(2) - The previous citation in that consultant observed evidence of complete and up to date infant feeding plans for infants enrolled.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the freezer to ensure the temperature remains under zero degrees.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure Fire Drills are conducted and documented monthly.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2023

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure load/unload checks are documented for each child on each trip and a line is not drawn to indicate all unloaded or loaded.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined that there was not documentation of the return time on a field trip to Foxfire Woods and Farm with five children on June 30, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that documentation of a second check was not observed for the return trip on a field trip from Showtime Bowling with seven children on July 13, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

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 member number 28 did not have evidence of up to date CPR / First Aid training and staff member 17 was observed to have taken online only CPR / First Aid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023

Corrected on 7/13/2023

.33(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that all employees were observed to have evidence of orientation.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(c)-The previous citation will be deferred, the lead teacher has been reenrolled in a CDA program and the credential renewal is in process.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file. The provider stated that the lead teacher will follow-up to obtain the CDA credential. The provider will also ensure that a Professional Learning Plan is on file for any staff enrolled and monitor ongoing progress.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2023

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.