



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/27/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 10:15 AM

**CCLC-23135**

**Mountain Area Christian Academy**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/27/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/21/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/07/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

**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.

**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-Room 104	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B-Room 105		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-Room 106	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D-Room 107		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-Room 108		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Room 109		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	G- Room 103	One Year Olds	2	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	49	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to complete a monitoring visit to follow up to the previous visit conducted on September 21, 2017.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/27/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)



**Important New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

DeGina Scoggins, Program Official

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)**

**Met**

**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)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2017**

**Corrected on 3/27/2018**

**.25(13) - Consultant observed hazardous to be inaccessible to children.**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to tighten chain that locks fence on far side of playground to prevent gaps.

**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2018**

### Health and Hygiene

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the diapering pad in Room 103 had tears.

**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: 3/27/2018**

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

No medication administered in the program at this time.

**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)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/21/2017****Corrected on 3/27/2018****.30(1)(b) - Discussed previous citation with provider. Previous citation corrected.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2008

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

**Records Reviewed: 8**

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

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Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/14/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/12/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2014	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed staff to follow all applicable laws and regulations.

**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2018**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.