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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/9/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-23135

Mountain Area Christian Academy

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/09/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/08/2020	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	One Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B-Room 105	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C-Room 106	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-Room 107	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-Room 108		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Room 109	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	G- Room 103	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 51			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	49	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on November 9th, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 9th, 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

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.

- 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)

DeGina Scoggins, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, Consultant

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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.

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

Corrected on 11/9/2021

.08(6) - A visit was conducted on November 9, 2021 The consultant reviewed the arrival and departure records and approves that this citation has been corrected from the previous visit.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

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

591-1-1-.26 – Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Due to the visit being virtual consultant was unable to measure the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface. Consultant discussed the requirements with the Director on this date.

Swings:

* Fall (use) zone for regular swings is determined by measuring length of the swing chain and adding seven feet. Fall zones must extend in front and in back of the stationary swing. The fall zones in the front and in the back needs to have at least six (6) inches of depth.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10 - Consultant observed that the diapering tables in rooms 109 and 106 were placed in the bathrooms. Provider will change the diapering tables to be placed inside the classrooms within arms reach of the sink when diapering or submit an application for a variance/waiver with the department.

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with the Director that two separate Applications for Amendments need to be submitted from the Provider's DECAL Koala account.

Consultant observed that room 106 was housing two year old children, but was coded as a non-diapering room on the license. Additionally, consultant observed that room 108 was no longer used by the program, but by the private school that occupies the same building.

The licensed program was also using special use spaces- Cafeteria, Gym and the Library- that were not included on the license.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2021

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

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

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2021

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2014

Staff # 3 Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/04/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2008

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)2. - Consultant discussed with the provider the separation between the Licensed and Non Licensed portion of the building and the criminal background check requirements. Additionally, consultant requested written supervision plans that outline all the details of the program's practices. Upon receipt the document will be uploaded in Koala Outback and added to the state file.

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.

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

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

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.