



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/4/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-24537

Noah's Ark Christian Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 04/04/2023 | Monitoring Visit | Support |
| 11/30/2022 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 06/01/2022 | 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-1st Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B -2nd Left | Three Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | C- 1st Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 34 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 9 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main | Playground | 127 | C |

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up to a visit conducted on November 30, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2023

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.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

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 user id 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Lindsay Childers, Program Official

Date

Brienne Higgins, Consultant

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)

N/A

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed monitoring the fencing material to ensure that it is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering.

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.

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| 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.

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

Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists and permission forms was discussed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant was unable to view annual inspection form, first aid kit and a fire extinguisher due to the vehicle being used for a field trip. Consultant discussed proper check of the vehicle after transportation routes, emergency medical information for each child, ensuring that each vehicle is equipped with a first aid kit and fire extinguisher and ensuring that annual vehicle inspection are up to date with the director.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documents that center staff failed to document in writing with a check to account for three children entering vehicle 1 at the center and exiting vehicle 1 at Stevie B's on April 4, 2023. Additionally, center staff failed to document in writing with a check to account for two children entering vehicle 1 and one child entering vehicle 2 at the center, as well as two children exiting vehicle 1 and one child exiting vehicle two at Taylor Farm Park on April 4, 2023. Center staff also failed to document in writing with a check to account for two children entering vehicle 1 and one child entering vehicle 2 at Taylor Farm Park, as well as two children exiting vehicle 1 and one child exiting vehicle 2 upon arrival to the center on April 4, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

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 based on a review of documents that for a field trip to Stevie B's and Taylor Farm Park on April 4, 2023, the center staff failed to document a departure time from the center, a arrival time to their designation, a departure time from their designation, and a return time to the center.

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: 4/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle 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; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person It was determined based on a review of records that the center failed to document a first check of the vehicle immediately upon unloading the last child at a field the destination to Stevie B's on April 4, 2023. It was further determined that the center failed to document a first check of the vehicle immediately upon unloading the last child upon return from a field trip to Taylor Farm Park on April 4, 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 rules and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Recited on 4/4/2023

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 center staff failed to document a second check of the vehicle upon arrival to Stevie B's, on April 4, 2023, for two vehicles. Center staff also failed to document a second check of the vehicle upon return to the center, after the field trip to Stevie B's, on April 4, 2023. It was further determined that center staff failed to document a second check of the vehicle upon arrival to Taylor Farm Park, on April 4, 2023, for two vehicles. It was further determined that center staff failed to document a second check of the vehicle upon return to the center, after the field trip to Taylor Farms Park, on April 4, 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 staff conducting transportation.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Recited on 4/4/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022

Corrected on 4/4/2023

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff present and caring for children to have a satisfactory records check determination on file.

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.