



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/23/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-16965

Preferred School Care at Deerwood Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/23/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/23/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/27/2020	Licensing Study	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	171		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	177		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	197		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	217		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	218		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	242		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Cafeteria	Six Year Olds and Over	3	40	C	89	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	Gym		0	0	C	142	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		
Total # Children this Date:			40			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		150		
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Turf	44	C
Main	Courtyard	64	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 23, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 23, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Continue to adhere to the most recent Executive Order issued on 2.15.2021.

Restrictions to transportation and visitors in child care programs have not changed. Transportation is only permitted to and from the child care facility, a child's home or a child's school. Field trips are still not permitted.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

Gladys Carter, Program Official

Date

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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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted and the equipment and furniture was observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Per the Director the program does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted and the licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 maintenance was discussed with the program Director. Per the Director the program occupies an open field for outdoor activities ..

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the program Director on this date.

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

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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 program Director on this date.

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

Comment

Per the program Director the Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Consultant observed Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letters on file for three (3) of three (3) program staff as required by the Department.

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. The program was in compliance with the most recent Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021

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 ratios was 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.