



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/27/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 3:10 PM    **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-16965**

**Preferred School Care at Deerwood Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/27/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/21/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/23/2019	POI Follow Up	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	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	Five Year Olds	1	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	218	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	242	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Cafeteria	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	89	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Gym	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	23	C	142	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 84			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

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

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study as follow up to the visit conducted 8.21.19.

Consultant discussed and reviewed report with Center Director on this date.

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.

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#### 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.

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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.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)

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Gladys Carter, Program Official

Date

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Michelle Smith, Consultant

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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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### 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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2019

Corrected on 2/27/2020

.21(3) - Consultant observed a completed emergency drill log as required.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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) N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**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: 08/14/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed 14 of 14 Program Staff to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letters issued by the Department.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019**

**Corrected on 2/27/2020**

**.14(2) - Consultant observed one Director and at least 50 percent of Program Staff to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Checks Determination letters issued by the Department.**

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**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2019**

**Corrected on 2/27/2020**

**.24(1) - Consultant observed completed staff files for all program staff on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training. Consultant observed Program Staff to have completed the required 10 clock hours of training for 2019 as required.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

**Corrected on 2/27/2020**

**.33(3) - Consultant observed new hires to have completed the health and safety training as required.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

**Corrected on 2/27/2020**

**.31(1)(c) - Consultant observed one Director to have a valid educational credential on this date.**

<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**

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