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Date: 12/30/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM

Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-35509

Bright Stars Primary Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
12/30/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/13/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/21/2018	Licensing Study	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	Rm A: Entrance right: infants/toddlers	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	Rm B (left side): Preschool: 1st left	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm C(left side): Back Left: Pre-K		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm D(left side): Back right: Pre-K		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm E(left side):2nd right: 2's	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm F(left side): 1st Right: 3's	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm G (left side): Middle: Afterschool	PreK	2	16	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Inf/Tod PG	13	C
Main	Playground Deck	10	C
Main	Playground Rear/Right	51	C

Comments

The purpose for this visit was to conduct an annual licensing study for the the child care center
Consultant reviewed the entire report with management staff as exit conference
Consultant provided technical assistance in areas of need during this visit
Consultant answered any questions at the time of the visit
Areas of improvement were addressed during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/30/2019

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.

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.

- 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).

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

Rhonda Davis, Program Official

Date

Twantaye Compton, 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that four of four classrooms observed failed to keep current lesson plans on site as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2019

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the cots used by children in the center were not in good repair evidenced by rips and tears on the edges. Based on observation, it was determined that four out of four cots in the classroom had obvious severe wear and tear creating possible hazard during use by children in the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2019

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/13/2019

Corrected on 12/30/2019

Correction of the previous rules cited were observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe citations in Room E: A No staff's purse was accessible on plastic bins in the corner of the classroom.

Room B: No container of Banana Boat Sunscreen, Disinfectant Spray, Airwick Spray, Gold Bond Powder, and the First Aid Kit was accessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/24/2019

Corrected on 12/30/2019

Consultant observed the previous concerns to be addressed. The consultant did not observe any tripping hazards. Consultant provided technical assistance on ways to fluff and redistribute resilient surface material.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/13/2019

Corrected on 12/30/2019

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed no diaper changing pad consisting of exposed foam at the top in the Infant and Toddler Room on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete in one of one medication forms observed on this date.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills on this date.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director on this date. Two of twenty transportation logs were observed to have errors.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2019

Corrected on 12/30/2019

The center's transportation documentation was observed to have first and second checks on on transportation log reviewed for September second thru September sixth from Kemp elementary.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that two out of five cots in Room B (Left side) two year old classroom, failed to have tight-fitting sheets as required. It was further observed that the center failed to provide sheets in good repair evidenced by a rip/tear in the fitted sheet located in the infant/toddler room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on observation that the center failed to maintain and have a first aid kit in each building and in any vehicle that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The following requirements for the first aid kit were not met as required

-Insect Sting Preparations expired
 Antibacterial Ointment expired
 Antiseptic cleaning solution expired

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2020

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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 on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.