



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:25 AM

**Departure:** 11:25 AM

**CCLC-35509**

**Bright Stars Primary Learning 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.
12/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/27/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/20/2022	Complaint Investigation 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	Rm A: Entrance right: infants/toddlers	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	Rm B (left side): Preschool: 1st left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm C(left side): Back Left: Pre-K	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Art, Centers, Transitioning
Main	Rm D(left side): Back right: Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm E(left side): 2nd right: 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm F(left side): 1st Right: 3's	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Rm G (left side): Middle: Afterschool		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 42

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111

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 today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Technical assistance was provided in the area of equipment and furniture storage and transportation documentation. During the visit, all questions were answered and a copy of the report was provided during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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



### 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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid 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)

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Rhonda Davis, Program Official

Date

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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

**591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

#### Technical Assistance

Consultant informed the center staff that stacking chairs while children are present presents a potential hazard and should be avoided whenever children are in the classroom where the chairs are stacked.

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022**

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

**Met**

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Met**

#### Comment

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

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

**Not Met**

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the center failed to ensure that potentially hazardous materials and supplies were stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. On December 15, 2022, there were cleaning supplies stored in an unlocked cabinet in room Room C back left. Additionally in room D back right, there was a pack of plastic storage bags inside of one of the cubbies within the reach of children.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**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**

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022**

**Corrected on 12/15/2022**

**The consultant observed a pleasant and positive learning environment on this date. Appropriate discipline was observed throughout the center.**

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

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**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 the center failed to ensure that a designated staff completed a second check of the 2013 Chevrolet Express Van, on Thursday, December 15, 2022 as required. The transportation form observed did not contain an initial or signature for the second check.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**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: 28****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/15/2022	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/15/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/27/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/03/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2022	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met

**Records Reviewed: 28****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 11/23/2018	
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met

**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.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met****Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Eleven of eleven staff files reviewed contained the required 10 hours of annual training or 10 hours of health and safety within the first 90 days of employment.****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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

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