



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/15/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-18150

Greater Expectations Early Child Development and Learning Center

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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.
11/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/18/2017	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/18/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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	
1	Bright Stars	One Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Outside	
1	Little Angels	Infants	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Transitioning, Feeding	
1	Little Stars	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Outside, Lunch, Transitioning	
1	Rising Stars	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Lunch, Transitioning	
1	Shinning Stars	One Year Olds	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Lunch, Diapering	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			90	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0				
2	Pre K	PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning, Music	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			22	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0				
3	Bldg 3		0	0	C	43	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			43	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0				
Total # Children this Date:			70	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			155	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0


Comments

The center director provided six files for employees hired since the last visit on this date. The facility does conduct transportation and field trips. The consultant and director discussed the following items:

* The center must develop an updated emergency procedures plan. The consultant left a template of the emergency procedure plan for the facility on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/15/2017

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decals.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://decals.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.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@decals.ga.gov

Belva Duncan, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, 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

Discussed-Rotation Support Disinfecting

Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent Agreements Obtained/Completed

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Comment

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen Appears Clean/Well Organized

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Comment

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the center has a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Center; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions and shall include assurance that no Center Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2017

Safety

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

Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

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

Comment

Paperwork discussed

Comment

Vehicle had fire extinguisher and first aid kit

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Correct number of mats; disinfecting discussed

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that crib mattress are firm, tight-fitting without gaps.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2017

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

Comment

Six staff hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Observed-100% Certified First Aid & CPR

Comment

Observed-Center/Vehicle Kits Complete

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

Comment

Observed - Documentation Of Training

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

Comment

Lead staff education requirements

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision