



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/13/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 12:00 PM

CCLC-1999

Green Pastures Christian Childcare 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. 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.
09/13/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	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
Building I	1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building I	1R	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Free Play, Floor Play
Building I	2L		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169				
Building II	Entry right room		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building II	Left End		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Building II	Middle		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169				
Building III	A Gym		0	0	C	14	C	19	C	
Building III	B Gym		0	0	C	14	C	19	C	
Building III	C Gym		0	0	C	14	C	19	C	
Building III	D Gym		0	0	C	14	C	19	C	
Building III	E Computer room		0	0	C	14	C	19	C	

Building III	F Upper Gym(Library)		0	0	C	19	C	27	C
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169

Total # Children this Date: 14 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building III	Playground	11	C

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on September 13, 2022 with the Director. Background checks were all reviewed on September 13, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 13, 2022. Staff files, children’s files, and training documentation were all reviewed.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Licensing Study Visit report was given to the Director on September 13, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/13/2022

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 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 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)

Kelley Gunby, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2022

Corrected on 9/13/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records the children's files had the parent's telephone numbers, and the parent's work details.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Please ensure that the necessary supplies are accessible to children.

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) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that there were free standing cooling equipment accessible to children in the 1L and 1R classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

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 following hazards were observed:

- A spray bottle of Fabulous solution, spray sanitizer in an aerosol container, Microban 24 hour sanitizing spray, and an adult sized pair of scissors were stored at low level, accessible to children in the 1L classroom.

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: 9/13/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there were missing protective caps in the 1L and 1R classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

Recited on 9/13/2022

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that baby bottles were refrigerated without the individual child's names on them.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022**Recited on 9/13/2022**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that a baby bottle was placed on the area used for diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2022**Corrected on 9/13/2022**

.20(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation there was no medication left in any of the children's bags.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****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)

Met

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.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2022**Corrected on 9/13/2022****.30(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation there were no items, around infants necks and no pacifiers on string in the crib with sleeping infants.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 03/11/2003

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2022

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/1988

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2011

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2022**Corrected on 9/13/2022****.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records all staff members had submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprint site as required.**

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2022

Corrected on 9/13/2022

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that all staff members had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file as required.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.