



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/2/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-2326

Oconee Preschool Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/20/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/16/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	Lt.Hall-1L	PreK	3	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Lt.Hall-1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning	
Main	Lt.Hall-2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning	
Main	Middle	PreK	2	22	C	42	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Rt Hall-2R	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	Rt. Hall-1L	Infants	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Feeding,Floor Play,Nap	
Main	Rt.Hall-1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside	
Main	Rt.Hall-3R	One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 116						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	46	C
Main	Playground B	107	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on February 2, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 and was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/02/2021

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

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

Nikki Wright, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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)

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.06 - Consultant discussed with the provider to paint behind the toilets. Toilets had been replaced in the bathrooms and they were a different size than the previous toilets. Director stated they are in the process of having the walls painted.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Consultant discussed monitoring the playground and fence surrounding the playground area for normal wear and tear (i.e. exposed roots, active ant beds, resilient surface levels, entrapment hazards, etc.) with the director on this date.

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to the rain.

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date.

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of appropriate discipline procedures. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/29/2017	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/15/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/20/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 11/18/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/22/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/12/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 04/06/2019	Met
Staff # 17	Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2020

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2020

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2019

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2020

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2019

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2017

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 01/15/2020

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2019

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 05/21/2019

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2019

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2019

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	
Staff # 34	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2021	
Staff # 35	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	
Staff # 37	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2020	
Staff # 39	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 40	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2020	
Staff # 41	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2019	
Staff # 42	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2020	
Staff # 43	Met
Date of Hire: 05/11/1998	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 11 file(s) for employees hired since last visit July 20, 2020.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program is in compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020.

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.