



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/27/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:35 AM    **Departure:** 2:20 PM

**CCLC-28415**

**Destined for Greatness 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.
08/27/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/11/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/28/2019	POI 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	1L	Infants	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	2L		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R	PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	3L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	4L		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	5L	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	6L		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 143

Total # Children this Date: 51

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	36	C
Main	PG B	41	C

**Comments**

Please review the rules and regulations for updates.  
 Reminder: please be sure to electronically port all individuals present at the facility.  
 One day letter left on this date.

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.

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#### 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Vera Anderson, Program Official

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)**

**Met**

**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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that the arrival and departure times were not completed for many of the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019**

**Facility**

**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)**

Met

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure to keep an eye on the swing chain links for rusting.

**Correction Deadline: 9/6/2019**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019**

Corrected on 8/27/2019

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that redirection was observed for discipline.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that during the week of April 19, 2019, the driver did not record the return time from Norton Elementary school to the center.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 9**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2014	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2018	

Staff # 8 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/17/2009

Staff # 9 Met  
Date of Hire: 07/10/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that a staff hired on July 10, 2019 was not electronically ported and was present at the facility.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will electronically port all staff present at the facility to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review the CRC rules and regulations to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019**

**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.