



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/6/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-2960

Grant Park Cooperative Preschool

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/06/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/20/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/04/2019	Incident 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	One Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	14	NC	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Rm B	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm C	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning
Main	Rm E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 77						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG-1	40	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2019

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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@decal.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://decal.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).

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

Melissa Freeman, Program Official

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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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 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**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure the main gates leading to the outdoor play area are tightened to ensure there is minimal gap left between to the gates, to prevent any possible entrapment .

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands. Please ensure warm water is used for handwashing.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Please ensure any unused medication is returned to the parents.

Safety

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

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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) **Met**

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete. Please ensure children are checked off as leaving for walking field trip before the copy of the list of participants is left on site,

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The program did not provide care for infant children. Pleasant nap time environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2008

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2011

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2017

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/30/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/10/2012	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/16/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/26/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/11/2013	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/05/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(4) - It was discussed that a three year old child was observed in a one year classroom with a parent helper. It was observed that the parent also had one year-old child in the classroom. Please ensure children three years and older are maintained separate from children under three at all times, except the first and last hour the center is open.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2019

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.