



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/19/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-31732

ABC Early Learning Academy @ Stone Mountain

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/19/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/13/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/25/2019	Licensing Study	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	A1 1Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	A2 2Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	A3 - 3 Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B1 1Left	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B2 2Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Free Play
Main	B3 3Left	PreK	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	24	C
Main	B	80	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 17, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 19, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 16, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/19/2020

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/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@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

Darla Williams, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 8/19/2020

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the items were not accessible to the children. Discussed with the provider regarding ensuring that staff items such as purses be kept out of reach for children in unlocked cabinets.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 8/19/2020

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected in that the classrooms are currently not in use. Discussed with the director regarding ensuring that water stained tiles are replaced until repair can be made.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2020

Corrected on 8/19/2020

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the repairs were made to the coating on the step. The consultant discussed regarding checking on this to ensure that it is maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure to refluff and redistribute resilient surface daily throughout the playground in the fall zone areas. Equipment five feet and under needs three inches at all times and swing areas or equipment more than five feet needs six inches. Be sure to maintain the resilient surface daily especially when the children play on it or it rains.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2020

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.22 - Parental access requirements were met per the current COVID-19 guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2020

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. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date. The center utilizes redirection to discipline.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 8/19/2020

.30(1)(b)4 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that sheets and blankets were stored in children's cubbies. Discussed regarding ensuring that all children have a sheet and a light cover/blanket during nap time.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/09/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 12/09/2019

Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/27/2014	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/31/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/20/2013	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/15/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/10/2018	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/19/2008	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/13/2017	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/01/2010	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 16, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2020

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020

Corrected on 8/19/2020

.32(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the appropriate mixed ages were observed. Discussed regarding ensuring that the appropriate ages are mixed at all times.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.