



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/6/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-31851

Urban Explorers Preschool

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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.
03/06/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/25/2018	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
Main	A-3 months- 18 mo	Infants	3	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	4	21	C	40	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C 3-4 years	Two Year Olds	4	23	C	35	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D 1L front	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E 2L front	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F 3L	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 96

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/06/2019

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.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

Joanna Glasser, 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant advised the Provider to add batteries to the equipment that needs it to operate correctly.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2019

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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of 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(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the storage area beneath the diapering table on the front and the back were both unlocked and accessible to the children as the children were seen trying to climb inside and close the door. Furthermore there was a bathroom cleaning brush in both the girls and boys bathroom in the two-year-old room as well as a mop and dust pan outside of the bathroom. In the playroom on the three-year old side there is a missing socket that has a hole where the socket is detached and dangling.

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: 3/7/2019

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

Technical Assistance

Consultant spoke to the Provider about calling work order in to the City for playground repairs.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

Technical Assistance

Consultant spoke with the Provider about maintenance of playground after inclement weather.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

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

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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/13/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2013

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/2008

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2008

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2018

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2014

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2016

Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/01/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/03/2009	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/01/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/16/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/04/2014	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/10/2017	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 09/01/2013	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/15/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/09/2015	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/19/2018	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 02/05/2018	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/03/2012	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/31/2018	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 01/22/2018	Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 24 Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2014

Staff # 25 Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2016

Staff # 26 Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 26

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant advised Provider to continue to followup on the status for the one staff member with a National CRC.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2018

Corrected on 3/6/2019

The previous citation was corrected.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.