



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/2/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 4:30 PM **Departure:** 5:30 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.
12/02/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/23/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/12/2020	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	A-3 months- 18 mo		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 3-4 years		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Main	D 1L front		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	E 2L front		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	F 3L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGR- Infant/Toddler	8	C
Main	PGR- Preschool	52	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 2, 2020. Staff files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 9, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 11, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection. The program is currently closed with no children enrolled.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.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@dec.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://dec.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.dec.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@dec.ga.gov

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)

Met

Comment

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. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Program is currently closed and no enrolled children at this time.

Facility

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is currently closed with no children enrolled at this time.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is currently closed at this time. The Director is in the process of setting up the classrooms.

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

591-1-1-.26 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is currently closed with no children enrolled at this time. During the virtual walk through the Director discussed that the playground equipment is in the process of being pressure washed and mulch is in the process of being delivered.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. The program is currently closed and do not have access to the kitchen at this time.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is currently closed and there were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Diaper changing tables are currently being installed. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - 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. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed. No enrolled children at this time.

Safety

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

591-1-1-.11 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider there was no routine transportation provided. Program is currently closed at this time with no children enrolled.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. Regulations regarding SIDS and infant sleeping position were discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 11/22/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/2012	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2009	
Staff # 13	Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed CPR/First Aid training that expired during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Comment

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 August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Evaluated

Comment

591-1-1-.32 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Not Evaluated

Comment

591-1-1-.32 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.