



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 8/28/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:55 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-35766**

**A+ Preparatory Learning Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 08/28/2018                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 04/05/2018                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |
| 11/28/2017                         | Monitoring Visit | 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                                   | 1R-Freshman III      | Infants                            | 1                                      | 4        | C    | 8                                    | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play     |
| Main                                   | 1st L Infants        | Infants                            | 1                                      | 5        | C    | 6                                    | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Free Play |
| Main                                   | 2nd R Sophmores II   | One Year Olds                      | 2                                      | 11       | C    | 16                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside       |
| Main                                   | 3rd L E-SophmoresIII | Three Year Olds                    | 1                                      | 15       | C    | 19                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time   |
| Main                                   | 3rd R Pre-K          | Two Year Olds                      | 2                                      | 12       | C    | 20                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Art           |
| Main                                   | 4th L-Sophmores IV   | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                                      | 15       | C    | 20                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time   |
| Main                                   | 4th R Junior I       |                                    | 0                                      | 0        | C    | 20                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Main                                   | 5L Kindergarten      | Four Year Olds                     | 2                                      | 20       | C    | 19                                   | NC           | NA         | NA           | Circle Time   |
| Main                                   | 5th R Afterschool    | Four Year Olds                     | 2                                      | 19       | C    | 20                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time   |
| Main                                   | 6th R Afterschoolers | Six Year Olds and Over             | 1                                      | 7        | C    | 20                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Homework      |
| Main                                   | C-Sophomores I       | One Year Olds                      | 2                                      | 10       | C    | 15                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| <b>Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183</b> |                      |                                    |  |          |      | <b>Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0</b> |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 118        |                      |                                    | <b>Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183</b> |          |      | <b>Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0</b> |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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**Comments**

The director was informed that a fingerprint background determination for any staff that had fingerprints completed before January 1, 2014 must obtain an updated fingerprint determination by October 1, 2018. The director was further informed that all staff must have a comprehensive background check determination on file no later than October 1, 2018. The consultant discussed new criminal background policies and procedures that will become effective on October 1, 2018. The director will review the upcoming changes to ensure criminal background compliance is maintained.

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).

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|  | <p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p> |
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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@decalfga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decalfga.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://decalfga.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 1/2 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)

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| <p><b>Important New Deadlines:</b></p> <p>Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.</p> <p>Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decalfga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decalfga.gov/</a><br/>           Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decalfga.gov">qualityrated@decalfga.gov</a></p> |   |

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| Bridgett Friend, Program Official | Date |
| Rukiya Thomas, Consultant         | Date |

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| April Brown, Consultant | Date |
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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

#### 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

##### Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in the 3rd right classroom, 4th right classroom, and 4th left classroom, a laptop and computers were not secured to the tables and posed as a tipping hazard. It was further determined based on observation that in the 4th left classroom children were observed to stand on a stepping stool to wash their hands; however, the stepping stool was not properly secured which posed as a hazard to children in care.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018**

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

N/A

##### Comment

The assistant director reported that the center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Facility

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

Met

##### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center today, August 28, 2018.

#### 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

##### Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the toilet is in working order in the 6th right classroom. Consultant further discussed with the director to ensure that the air conditioner is in working order in the 4th right classroom. Children were not present in the 4th right classroom as they were moved to another licensed space area to ensure comfort.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that playground mulch is distributed in a wash away area where there is uneven ground on the back right playground area which could potentially pose as a tripping hazard. Consultant further discussed to ensure that the playground area is free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The assistant director stated that the center currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicle ending in 8350 and vehicle ending in 7838 were both inspected on June 5, 2018. The assistant director reported that the van with vehicle license plate ending in 9969 was not in use at this time.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

Please continue to monitor the van seats for rips and tears.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all vehicle seats are securely fastened to the body of the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2018**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed the certificate of compliance for the cribs in the 1st left and 1st right infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2018**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st left and 2nd right infant classrooms, the cribs were observed to have a two inch gap between the crib mattresses and the cribs.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting and without gaps.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018**

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The assistant director reported that there were no new hires since the last visit which was on April 5, 2018.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the director that supervision is maintained at all times.