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**Date:** 8/19/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:30 PM    **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-39819**

**Pre-K Preparatory Learning Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/19/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/15/2020	Licensing Study	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	Classroom A - 1R	One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom B -2R	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom C- 3R	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom D- 4R	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E - Left side		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	24	C
Main	Preschool/ School age	176	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 19, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 19, 2021 with the Provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/19/2021

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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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**

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure chairs are not stacked on tables in the classrooms or cafeteria area during the school day, to prevent a tipping hazard from becoming present.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2021**

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

**Met**

**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

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with the provider to monitor and ensure the kitchen and supply room doors remain closed and locked throughout the school day.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2021**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on an observation during the virtual visit, that the stalls in the bathroom in classroom 3R were not in good repair. The paint on the stalls was observed to be chipping and peeling. Consultant also discussed with the provider to ensure the ceiling tile in classroom E (four-year-olds) is replaced where a water stain is developing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 9/3/2021**

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure the pink and yellow fencing on the playground is in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2021**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2021**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure the temperatures of the freezer and refrigerator - The freezer should remain under zero degrees, and the refrigerator under 40 degrees.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2021**

**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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date. Staff and the director stated proper hand washing procedures are followed.

**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**

Discipline was not observed due to this being a virtual visit. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director and staff on this date. Staff stated redirection is provided as a form of discipline.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

**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.

**Comment**

Mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date for sleeping and nap time. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. All staff were observed to have evidence of satisfactory comprehensive background check letters on this date.

**Comment**

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**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.