



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/17/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

CCLC-52558

Great Beginnings of Dacula

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Quality Rated: No

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.
03/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/23/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
09/22/2020	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
I	C- 3's		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	Not In Use
I	E- 4's	Three Year Olds	2	27	C	27	C	38	C	Lunch
I	F- 4's	Four Year Olds	2	23	C	27	C	38	C	Lunch
I	G-GA-Pre-K 8	PreK	2	17	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
I	H- 3's & 4's (Library)	Three Year Olds	3	24	C	27	C	37	C	Transitioning
I	I- 3's	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	29	C	40	C	Nap
I	J- 2's	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	K- 2's	Two Year Olds	3	24	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	L- 1's	One Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	M- 1's	One Year Olds	3	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	N- 6wks-12mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap, Floor Play
I	O- 6wks- 12 mths	Infants	3	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 310					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 625					
II	A-GA- Pre-K 1	PreK	3	14	C	23	C	33	C	Circle Time
II	B- Gym/ Afterschool 5-12 yrs		0	0	C	111	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
II	C- GA-Pre-K- 3	PreK	2	16	C	22	C	30	C	Circle Time
II	D- GA Pre-K 2	PreK	2	16	C	25	C	35	C	Art
II	E GA Pre-K - 6	PreK	2	16	C	27	C	38	C	Music

II	F- GA Pre-K -5	PreK	2	17	C	24	C	34	C	Circle Time	
II	G- GA Pre-K-7	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	31	C	Centers	
II	H- GA Pre-K- 4	PreK	2	18	C	23	C	32	C	Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 625						
Total # Children this Date: 309					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 587					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 625	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	Playground A- 6wks-12mths	25	C
I	Playground B- 1's & 2 yrs	40	C
I	Playground C-2's - 4's	73	C
I	Playground D- 4- 7 yrs	63	C
II	Playground E - 4- 12 yrs	135	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on March 17, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

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.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.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

Kassey Valdez, Program Official

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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

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

Corrected on 3/17/2021

.20(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the center now has completed external preparation forms completed for all children enrolled.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 67

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/31/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2019	
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2006	
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	
Staff # 21	Met

Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2013	
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2006	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2005	
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 09/26/2016	
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 05/22/2017	
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	
Staff # 39	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2018	
Staff # 40	Met
Staff # 41	Met
Staff # 42	Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2019

Staff # 43 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2018

Staff # 44 Met

Date of Hire: 01/23/2019

Staff # 45 Met

Staff # 46 Met

Staff # 47 Met

Staff # 48 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 49 Met

Date of Hire: 12/07/2018

Staff # 50 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2018

Staff # 51 Met

Staff # 52 Met

Staff # 53 Met

Staff # 54 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 55 Met

Date of Hire: 03/05/2018

Staff # 56 Met

Staff # 57 Met

Staff # 58 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2010

Staff # 59 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2019

Staff # 60 Met

Staff # 61 Met

Records Reviewed: 67

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 62 Met

Staff # 63 Met

Staff # 64 Met

Staff # 65 Met

Staff # 66 Met

Date of Hire: 10/17/2013

Staff # 67 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for 65 of 65 staff on this date.

Comment

Director provided eight file(s) for employees hired since last visit on September 22, 2020.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

Corrected on 3/17/2021

.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that supervision was observed appropriate on this date.