



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/20/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-53452

Pinnacle Pointe Daycare Academy

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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.
11/20/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	A - 4 yrs olds		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 3 year olds		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - 6wks - 2 years	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 3			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 6 wks- 4 years	31	C

Comments

Final Renewable license not issued on this date. Pending water/sewer verification and citation corrections. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. An Administrative Review was conducted on October 22, 2020 and November 12, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on November 20, 2020. The exit conference was conducted virtually on November 20, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with the Owners. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection and discussed during the exit conference. December 10, 2020 received Water/Sewer verification. Conducted Video Conference and observed layering over hard surface on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/20/2020

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

- 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).

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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

Dannetra Crawford, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that barriers were installed that had gaps measuring four (4) inches, within children's reach and presented an entrapment risk, when they should not measure more than three and one half (3-1/2) inches in classrooms A, B, and C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add a mesh screen to enclose the gaps on the barriers.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Temporary License was issued on this date, pending water/sewer verification. The overall licensed capacity is 74 children.

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(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that there were Holly shrubs located on the playground. Holly is listed on the poison plants list.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install a four (4) foot approved barrier around the shrubs so that they are inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2020

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(5) requires that the playground have a surface suitable for varied activities. Hard surfaces (gravel, concrete, paving) shall not exceed one-fourth of the total area. It was determined based on consultant's observation, the playground exceeded the one-fourth (1/4) of the total square footage in that the playground measured 3058 square feet and requires 2294 square feet to be a soft surface.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed layering over a hard surface and sent documentation on the layering. The Center will install the layers over the hard surface to meet the Rules and Regulations.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.05(1) requires Center Staff to control animals to assure proper sanitation of the premises is maintained and animals are not a hazard to the children, Personnel or visitors. No animals, such as but not limited to, pit bull dogs, ferrets, and poisonous snakes, which may have a vicious propensity, shall be permitted on the Center premises at any time there are children on the premises. Horses or other farm animals shall not be quartered on any property over which Center Staff exercises any control that is located within five hundred (500) feet of the building in which the Center is located. It was determined based on observation, that there was a rooster in a cage on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove the rooster from the playground, check with zoning to ensure that the rooster is allowed in a Commercial zoned area, if so, then will submit a variance to the department.

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) **Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Twelve (12) of twelve (12) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2020. Further consultant observed cots for the remainder capacity for classroom C on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Eight (8) of eight (8) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the Initial Licensing Study visit on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2020

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.

Comment

Supervision plans were created on this date for the entrance to the building, distance to the restroom for classroom A, hand washing plan for classroom A, diapering plan for classroom C, and shape of the classrooms A, B, and C.