



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/18/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-925

Downs Preschool

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/18/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/13/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/11/2018	Licensing Study	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
I	A Left rear		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
I	B-Left Middle		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
I	C-Rt Rear	PreK	2	21	C	12	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning
I	D-Rt middle		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
I	E-Rt. Front	PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
I	F-Lt Front	PreK	3	18	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
II	left front	PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
II	Left rear	PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
II	Right Front	PreK	2	21	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
II	Right Rear	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 135			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	A-Left small area	40	C
I	B-Right large area	196	C

Comments

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.dec.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

Lisa Henry, Program Official

Date

Quintayna Collins, Consultant

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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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.

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) **Met**

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2011

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 10/16/2017	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/27/2016	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/26/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/01/2005	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/01/1998	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/02/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/26/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/26/2017	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 12/15/2017	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/28/2018	Met

Staff # 17 Met
 Date of Hire: 08/01/2002

Staff # 18 Met
 Date of Hire: 07/27/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14

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

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2019

Corrected on 12/18/2019

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the School District employee to have a comprehensive background check on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Corrected on 12/18/2019

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff members to have CPR/first aid certificates on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2019

Corrected on 12/18/2019

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed evidence of orientation for staff members on file.

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

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.