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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/9/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-35766

A+ Preparatory Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/09/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/27/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/21/2020	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	
Main	1R-Freshman III	Infants	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	1st L Infants	One Year Olds	1	7	C	6	NC	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play	
Main	2nd R Sophmores II	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art	
Main	3rd L E-SophmoresIII	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	3rd R Pre-K	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story	
Main	4th L-Sophmores IV	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	4th R Junior I	Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	5L Kindergarten		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
Main	5th R Afterschool	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	6th R Afterschoolers	Six Year Olds and Over	1	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	C-Sophmores I	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 139						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 9, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 10, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/09/2021

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.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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)

Bridgett Friend, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

Date



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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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Playgrounds were observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Per the director, the center does not provide routine transportation at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant teachers on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 27****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 01/19/2016	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 02/20/2017	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 09/29/2014	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/28/2013	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/11/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/01/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/10/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 04/01/2013	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/03/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/23/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 04/22/2013	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 04/01/2013	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/02/2017	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/14/2020	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 03/26/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 06/03/2013	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 04/05/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/03/2019	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 11/03/2016	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/14/2020	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 01/22/2016	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 05/02/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 09/11/2019	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 03/02/2021	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit which was completed on October 27, 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Nutrition training was observed to be complete for the director and cooks as required. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2021

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

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing recommendations 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 May 28, 2021.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.