



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 8/18/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-53686

International Preparatory Academy

4138 Snapfinger Woods Dr. Decatur, GA 30035 DeKalb County
(404) 288-7992 intlprepacademy@gmail.com

Lead Consultant

La Tonya Bonner
Phone: (770) 357-7034
Fax: (770) 357-7033
latonya.bonner@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address
Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 08/18/2023 | TA Follow Up | Good Standing |
| 08/02/2023 | TA Follow Up | Good Standing |
| 07/26/2023 | Monitoring Visit | Deficient |

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 | Max 35 SF. | Max 25 SF. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Main | A (1L) Pre-K 1 | GA PreK | 19 | NA |
| Main | B -(B) Pre-K 2 | | 25 | NA |
| Main | C- (BR) 3's | Three Year Olds | 12 | NA |
| Main | D- (MR)- 4- 13 yr | | 21 | NA |
| Main | E (FR) - 1's & 2's | One Year Olds | 21 | NA |
| Main | F (1R) 6wks- 18 mths | Infants | 14 | NA |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | |
| Total # Children this Date: 49 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|

Comments

The consultant conducted a TA Health and Safety visit on this date and a Coaching visit.

Coaching took place around the playground and Safe Sleep for the newest infant room teacher.

The Core Rules Training has been complete for staff.

The consultant will follow up with the program before the end of the month about the playground repairs.

Strength Based TA

Plan of Improvement:

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.decals.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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decals.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Shirley Jackson, Program Official

Date

La Tonya Bonner, Lead Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404)657-5562 www.dec.state.ga.us

Date: 8/18/2023 **Purpose:** TA Follow Up

Arrival: 9:50 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-53686

International Preparatory Academy

4138 Snapfinger Woods Dr.
Decatur, GA 30035
DeKalb County
(404) 288-7992
intlpreacademy@gmail.com

Technical Assistance Unit Consultant

La Tonya Bonner
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE,
670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (770) 357-7034
latonya.bonner@dec.state.ga.us

| Facility | | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. | | | | | | |
| S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the playground is in good repair. | | | | | | |
| Step Number | Action Step | Person Responsible | Due Date | Status | Completion Date | Action Taken |
| 1 | The owner will ensure that the playground repairs are started and followed until completed. Phase one will grade the area, correct drainage and take off excess mulch this is set to begin the week of 8/21/23. | Owner | 08/25/2023 | Developed | | |
| Materials Needed: | | | | | | |
| Resources Provided: | | | | | | |



Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404)657-5562 www.dec.state.ga.us

CCLC-53686

International Preparatory Academy

4138 Snapfinger Woods Dr.
Decatur, GA 30035
DeKalb County
(404) 288-7992
intlprepacademy@gmail.com

In-Progress -TA Goals and Steps

Facility

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the playground is in good repair.

| Step Number | Action Step | Person Responsible | Due Date |
|-------------|--|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | The owner will ensure that the playground repairs are started and followed until completed. Phase one will grade the area, correct drainage and take off excess mulch this is set to begin the week of 8/21/23. | Owner | 08/25/2023 |

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Completed -TA Goals and Steps

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Rule: 591-1-1-.30 -

S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the newest staff is aware of safe sleep practices and all questions have been answered.

| Step Number | Action Step | Person Responsible | Due Date | Completion Date | Action Taken |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | To ensure that the staff in the infant room are aware of Safe Sleep requirements and practices. | Consultant and Infant staff | 08/18/2023 | 08/18/2023 | |

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: