



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 4/28/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 3:00 PM    **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-30911**

**AppleGate Academy & Preschool (Jonesboro)**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
04/28/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/05/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/21/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	Rm A: 1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Rm B: 1st Right	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	Rm C: 2nd Right		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm D: 2nd Right (inside Rm C)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm E: 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm F: 4th Right	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm G: 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm H: 3rd Left	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	15	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm I: 5th Right	PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm J: 4th Left	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm K: 6th Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm L: 5th Left		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 203

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 106

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (4+ Years)	33	C
Main	B (3+ Years)	74	C
Main	C (Infants/Toddlers)	42	C

## Comments

A virtual visit was completed on May 3, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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.al.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



### 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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://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)

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Shannon Atchison, Program Official

Date

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**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.

**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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed maintenance of resilient surface under the grass turf with the Director.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed sleeping arrangements in regards to space between bookcase and sleeping mats during naptime with the Director.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2022****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 24****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 12/11/2017	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 10/01/2006	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

**Records Reviewed: 24**

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

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2017

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2011

Staff # 24 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.