



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334
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Date: 5/15/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 3:20 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-54878

Wise Scholars Academy @ Finch Elementary School
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
05/15/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/02/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	Room A-Multi-purpose	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and GA PreK	2	26	C	35	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B-Science Lab		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	55	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	0	4	24

Comments

Licensing Study conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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

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 user id 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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date, children's records were observed to be completed.

Facility

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was 1 inch of resilient surface underneath and around the green slide, located in the center of the playground instead of 6 inches as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Recited on 5/15/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

N/A

Comment

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

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no documentation showing the monthly fire drills had been conducted in January 2025 and February 2025 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025**Recited on 5/15/2025****Safety**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Consultant heard positive redirection and interactions amongst staff and children.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

N/A

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Corrected on 5/15/2025

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the initial center orientation training had been completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Corrected on 5/15/2025

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the Health and Safety training had been completed.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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.