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Date: 12/2/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:35 PM **Departure:** 5:05 PM

CCLC-56411

The Book Academy and Elite Creche' (The Believers Of Ongoing Knowledge)

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
12/02/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/25/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/25/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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
Building 2	Infants & 1s	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	30	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 117							
Main	B: 1R: Two year olds		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C: 2L: Front: 3s and 4s		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	Not In Use, Not In Use
Main	D: 2L Back: School-age	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	12	NC	17	NC	Free Play
Main	Infant Suite		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 117							
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 117				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground	10	C
Main	PG	23	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and follow up the previous regulatory visit.

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.decal.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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on an observation that there were 20 children present in room D when the licensed capacity for the room was 12.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.26(9) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. The center playground were observed to be free of hazards.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Complete documentation of transportation within the week of December 1, 2025, was observed.

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom D, three 2-year-old children were housed with older children during times outside the specified times, such as early morning arrival and late afternoon departure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

