



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 7/29/2025 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-66353

First Preparatory Christian Academy

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Quality Rated: No

| 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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/29/2025                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - 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 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Building 1                     | E: Room 4 (twos)    |           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Building 1                     | F: Room 2 (threes)  |           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19 |                     |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
| Building 2                     | A: Room 10 (threes) |           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Building 2                     | B: Room 18 (fours)  |           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Building 2                     | C: Room 19 (fours)  |           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Building 2                     | D: Room 22 (fours)  |           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44 |                     |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0  |                     |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63 |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
|                                |                     |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |

| Building   | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Building 2 | Main       | 73                   | C                     |

Comments

This facility was issued their final license on this date. They do carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

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#### 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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.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 ILS:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pools observed on site.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observations that the bathroom in building one between classrooms two and four did not have a ventilation fan installed and the window present was not operational.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ventilate bathroom areas, as required.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Over all licensed capacity for this facility is 63 children. The final renewable license was issued on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observations and measurements that the fencing on the back of the playground measured at two feet and eleven inches when four feet is required. It was further determined that the metal fencing was covered with construction mesh to eliminate five inch gap between each bar.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will install fencing or fencing extension kit to ensure that the fencing is four feet or higher as required.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observations that six of six swing chains were rusted or had chipping plastic coating. It was further determined that the large red, blue and yellow play structure's coating on the platforms was cracked, peeling and rust was exposed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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## 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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## 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

## 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets and ensuring all mats are two inches thick were discussed with the director on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.