



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

**Date:** 10/26/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:05 AM

**CCLC-36031**

**Pre-School Academy Learning Center**

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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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/26/2021                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 06/07/2021                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11/02/2020                         | Monitoring Visit | 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       |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Main                           | A-Front      | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 7        | C    | 36                              | C            | 50                                                      | C            | Circle Time |
| Main                           | B-2nd Left   | Two Year Olds                      | 1                               | 6        | C    | 18                              | C            | 26                                                      | C            | Free Play   |
| Main                           | C- Back Left | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 7        | C    | 22                              | C            | NA                                                      | NA           | Centers     |
| Main                           | D            |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23                              | C            | NA                                                      | NA           |             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99 |              |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 114 |          |      |                                 |              |                                                         |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 20 |              |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99  |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 114 |              | Building @25 capacity limited by Playground Limitations |              |             |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 15                   | C                     |
| Main     | B          | 23                   | C                     |

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 26, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Robin Whitfield- Thomas, Program Official

Date

Debrik Perry, Consultant

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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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date of October 26, 2021.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Regulations regarding infant sleep requirements were discussed with the Director on this date of October 26, 2021.

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|  | <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>Records Reviewed: 7</b> | <b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0</b> |
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| Staff # 1 | Met |
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| Staff # 2 | Met |
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Date of Hire: 05/02/2013

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| Staff # 3 | Met |
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| Staff # 4 | Met |
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Date of Hire: 01/02/2002

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| Staff # 5 | Met |
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Date of Hire: 05/02/2013

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| Staff # 6 | Met |
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Date of Hire: 05/02/2013

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| Staff # 7 | Met |
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| <b>Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4</b> |  |
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit on June 7, 2021.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of files that staff #7 has a CDA that expired on May 4, 2016 which remains expired. Consultant advised the Director to ensure that the employee renews CDA to meet the academic requirements.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2021**

**Recited on 10/26/2021**

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.