



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 11:05 AM

CCLC-51917

Smart Start Pre-School Learning Academy

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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.
09/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/29/2022	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 - Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room B - 1 to 2 yr olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room C - Older 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D - 5 to 12 yr olds		0	0	C	19	C	26	C	
Main	Room E - 3 to 4 yr olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	27	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	21	C
Main	Playground B	48	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. A plan of improvement was left and is due October 4, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/04/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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:

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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Ursula Cone, Program Official

Date

Angela Williams-Jackson, Regional 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) N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided at this time.

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.

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 observation the following equipment was not free of hazards as required:

Playground A

* The red and yellow shaded area had a wooden seat that was split which created a pinching hazard.

* The red, green and yellow stationary car riders; red and blue seesaw; multi-colored tricycles; blue stationary car rider; green stationary car rider; the red and yellow tunnel and blue and yellow tunnels had chipped paint and rust present.

Playground B

* The blue and red connected tricycles; stationary yellow bus; gray tunnel; and black tunnel had chipped paint and rust present.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Recited on 9/20/2023

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records nine infants enrolled did not have an up to date infant feeding plan which listed instructions for the introduction of solid foods as required. Additionally, the infant feeding plan were missing the parent signature.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Recited on 9/20/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

Corrected on 9/20/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

Corrected on 9/20/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

	Staff Records
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591-1-1.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.