



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 12/3/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 4:40 PM

CCLC-46551

Dahlonega Country Day Academy

619 Buckhorn Tavern Road Dahlonega, GA 30533 Lumpkin County
 (706) 867-6290 dcd8676290@windstream.net

Lead Consultant

Dianne Clarke

Phone: (770) 357-4923

Fax: (770) 357-4922

dianne.clarke@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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.
12/03/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/06/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/07/2024	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
Back Building	Back Right E	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Story
Back Building	Middle 1st Left C		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Back Building	Middle 2nd Left D		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Back Building	Middle B	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations				
Cottage	Back Room		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Cottage	Front Room	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Main	Room A- 1st Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B 2nd Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room D -1st Left	GA PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room E - 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	20	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F- 3rd Left	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Lunch
Main	Room G 4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	12	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Lunch

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations
Total # Children this Date: 121	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Cottage	Main Playground & Front Porch	8	C
Cottage	Side Porch	2	C
Main	Covered Porch	5	C
Main	Playground A	55	C
Main	Playground B	16	C

Comments

This is a complaint investigation and follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/03/2024

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.decga.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

(Findings Report)

Date: 12/3/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 4:40 PM

CCLC-46551

Dahlonega Country Day Academy

619 Buckhorn Tavern Road Dahlonega, GA 30533 Lumpkin
County
(706) 867-6290 dcd8676290@windstream.net

Lead Consultant

Dianne Clarke

Phone: (770) 357-4923

Fax: (770) 357-4922

dianne.clarke@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that there was a ratio of one staff with 12 two-year-olds in the Room G 4th Left classroom. The second staff came to the classroom shortly after the consultants arrived.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024