



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/6/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-46551
Dahlonega Country Day 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.
08/06/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/12/2023	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
Back Building	Back Right E		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Back Building	Middle 1st Left C		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Back Building	Middle 2nd Left D	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Back Building	Middle B	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations				
Cottage	Back Room	Infants	2	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Cottage	Front Room	One Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor 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	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Room B 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Room C 3rd Right	One Year Olds	3	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room D -1st Left		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E - 2nd Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room F- 3rd Left		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room G 4th Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	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: 82	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

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous citations.

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



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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.

Facility

591-1-1-06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-25(8) - Please ensure all electrical outlets within children's reach have protective caps/safety covers.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - Please ensure that a thermometer is placed in the refrigerator in the infant classroom, making sure a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or below is maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/6/2024

Corrected on 8/6/2024

.14(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that, all currently employed staff had received training in Pediatric CPR/First Aid as required.

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

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.