



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/14/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-27104

Paulding Preparatory 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.
09/14/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/20/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/26/2022	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
Main	A- First Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B-Second Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-Third Right	GA PreK	2	15	C	26	C	37	C	Circle Time
Main	D- Fourth Right	GA PreK	2	13	C	26	C	36	C	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	E- Third Left	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- Second Left		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	
Main	G- First Left	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153					
Total # Children this Date: 56					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Center Back	132	C
Main	Second Right	25	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit, and do a Complaint Investigation and a Licensing Study. The Investigation was not completed on the day of the visit. The Director will be notified of the investigative findings.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/14/2023

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

Lynda Odaro, Program Official	Date
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Kaiyah Werts, Regional Consultant	Date
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Neli Todorova, Regional Consultant	Date
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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurements that:

- * The pea gravel in the fall zone at the exit and entrance of the six feet two inches high slide measured between approximately half an inch and three inches in depth, when at least six (6) inches were needed.
- * The pea gravel under and around the dome-shaped climbing structure that was about four feet high measured approximately one to two inches in depth, when at least three (3) inches were needed.
- * The pea gravel in the fall zones of the regular swings measured between one and three inches of depth, when at least six (6) inches were needed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated that maintenance was already scheduled and resilient surface will be added and/or redistributed in the fall zones. The Consultant suggested that children are not allowed to use the climbing and swing equipment until the required resiliency is provided. The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023**Recited on 9/14/2023****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please make sure that the ant beds on the large playground are removed.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure that the Transportation Form has the accurate vehicle tag number and Staff names listed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that there were no booster seats in the 13 passenger van and in the SUV used for transportation. The Director was offered Technical Assistance at visit on July 26, 2022. Per Georgia law children under eight (8) years of age and under 4'9" (57 inches) must be in an approved car seat or booster seat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Please ensure that there are no empty fields on the Emergency Medical Forms.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. - Please ensure that the second check is documented as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

No Infants enrolled or present. No cribs were checked for compliance.

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.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Please watch for expiration dates of items in the First Aid kit on the vehicles and in the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Comment

591-1-1-.33(5) - Please ensure that all staff has at least 10 Hours of annual training each year.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2023

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.