



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

**Date:** 5/13/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-35920**

**Heritage Kids Christian Academy**

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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.  <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.
05/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/20/2020	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	A 1st Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B 2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C 3rd Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	D 4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	E 5th Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	F 5th Right	PreK	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G 4th Right	PreK	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H 3rd Right	PreK	2	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I 2nd Right	PreK	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J 1st Right	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 61

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back PG	33	C
Main	Infant	11	C
Main	Right PS	28	C

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 5/13/21. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 5/20/21 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection

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



### 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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)

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Helen Owuzo, Program Official

Date

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Tomekia Hudson, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

### Facility

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute mulch.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

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

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Proper diapering procedure was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper diapering procedures were discussed with the Provider on this date.

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center during virtual visit due to COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

<b>Safety</b>
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**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-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/18/2015

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/14/2013

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/05/2020

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/23/2018

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 03/09/2020

Staff # 6	Met
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**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 12/30/2019

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2019

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2019

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 12/30/2019

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2014

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2014

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 12/30/2019

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2016

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2012

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2015

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2017

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order Issued on May 1, 2021.

<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.

**Comment**

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.