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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 4/21/2022    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:15 AM

**CCLC-27104**

**Paulding Preparatory 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.
04/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/27/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/21/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	One Year Olds	6	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	B-Second Right	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C-Third Right	GA PreK	2	12	C	26	C	37	C	Centers
Main	D- Fourth Right	GA PreK	2	11	C	26	C	36	C	Centers
Main	E- Third Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- Second Left	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	16	NC	22	C	Centers
Main	G- First Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153				
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153				

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

**Comments**

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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 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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://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)

Lynda Odaro, Program Official

Date

Brionne Higgins, Consultant

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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**

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.

**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**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Consultant discussed with the Director ensuring that any items including liquid soap with the label "keep out of reach of children," is stored where it is readily accessible to staff but inaccessible to children. Consultant also discussed being mindful and keeping items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Comment**

Consultant discussed monitoring the playground equipment for chipping paint with the Director. Consultant also discussed spray painting exposed tree roots to prevent any tripping hazards.

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Consultant discussed with the Director ensuring that foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as grapes, shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Consultant discussed providing children under four years of age with an alternative option and noting it on the weekly menu.

**Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022**

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

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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**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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Field trip documentation observed.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

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

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Comment

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

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/23/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/09/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

**Records Reviewed: 15**

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

Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/13/2020	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 12/17/2020	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2014	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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.