



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

**Date:** 4/27/2022    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:40 AM    **Departure:** 12:05 PM

**CCLC-2960**

**Grant Park Cooperative Preschool**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
04/27/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/21/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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.

**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	Rm A	One Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm B	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm C	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm D	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm E	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 65			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG-1	40	C

**Comments**

A Complaint Investigation/Monitoring visit was conducted on April 27, 2022. Staff files and Comprehensive Records check files were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/27/2022

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/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 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)

Melissa Freeman, Program Official

Date

LaToya Longshore, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Facility</b>
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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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation in Classroom E, staff purses were hanging low on a door hook accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/27/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation in Classroom A, a outlet plug was above the sink uncovered with a plug laying near the sink.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/27/2022**

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

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**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) Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

**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.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 26**

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

Staff # 1 Met  
Date of Hire: 07/28/2020

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 02/16/2022  
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/10/2012

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2010

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2018

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2013

**Records Reviewed: 26**

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

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 02/28/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2018

Staff # 26 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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.