



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

Date: 3/28/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:45 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-39819

Pre-K Preparatory Learning 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.
03/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/18/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/11/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Classroom A - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Classroom B -2R	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers, Diapering
Main	Classroom C- 3R	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Classroom D- 4R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E - Left side	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	32	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 56			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	24	C
Main	Preschool/ School age	176	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit.

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 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 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)

Arbendette Van, Program Official

Date

Leena Mitchell, Consultant

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Findings Report

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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.

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.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.)
- Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
- Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.
- Fluff and redistribute resilient surface as needed.
- tree roots are painted or removed to avoid a tripping hazard.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Records Reviewed: 14****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2022

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

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 14**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 05/21/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

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

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2022

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

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/04/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

The director provided four files for staff members hired since the previous visit conducted on January 11, 2022. The consultant observed four of four newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios. Consultant discussed Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups are based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Please ensure that staff members are attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arms length away from children 36-months of age and younger.