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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/28/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

CCLC-54657

Ball Ground 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.
07/28/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	A-First Right Preschool	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B -2nd Right Four Year Olds		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-1st Left Room Infants	Infants	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D -2nd Lt. Infant	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Total # Children this Date: 24 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Toddler Playground	12	C
Main	Preschool Front Playground	31	C

Comments

The Initial Inspection was conducted on July 28, 2021. The Owner carries liability insurance. A Temporary license was issued on this date and final license issued on August 6, 2021 upon receipt of final fire marshal report.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/28/2021

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us/>

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.state.ga.us

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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)

Virginia Smith, Program Official

Date

Margaret Pringle, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(6) - Please ensure an art center is created in room D.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2021

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool on the property.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2020

Corrected on 7/28/2021

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure children applications are completed in their entirety.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2021

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure the following hazards are inaccessible:

- Hanging blind cords.
- Permanent markers.
- Stick pins used to post notices on posted notice board.
- Safety latch on refrigerator door.
- Broome and dust pan.
- Dust in exhaust fan vent in room D.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed reposition of yellow/blue house to prevent encroachment upon blue slide.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure rust is removed from the fence gate poles on each playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure the following hazards are removed from the equipment on the Infant playground:

- Rust on toddler blue bucket swing chains and seat latches.
- Chipped paint on red train caboose seat.

Preschool/ School age playground

- Chipped paint on yellow/blue rod iron boat.
- Exposed air condition hose and sharp bottom gutter accessible.
- Exposed rust areas on beige trike.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

The children were napping during the visit on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

The children were napping during the visit on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director 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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - All Cribs are in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards being that they were manufactured in 2011.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Please ensure children are position head to toe during napping.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure mats are inaccessible in room A, C and D.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 01/15/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2017

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2018

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2018

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 12/11/2003

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2020

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2013

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2012

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Please ensure the following items are added to the first aid kit: medical tape, thermometer and protective eye wear.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2021**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2020

Corrected on 7/28/2021

.33(4) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on observation during the reviewing of files, three of five staff members lacked required (10) clock hours of diverse training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2021

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.