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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 12/13/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM

**Departure:** 2:25 PM

**CCLC-39661**

**A Brighter Day Early Learning 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.
12/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/12/2020	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	Infants	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - Entry Room	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	5	NC	6	NC	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49				
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	48	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 13, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 13, 2021 with the Owner, Mrs. Sutton. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic..

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/13/2021

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.decal.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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)

Caekelia Sutton, Program Official

Date

Lisa Pitts, Consultant

Date



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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**

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.

### 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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

**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.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.13(7) - The Consultant and Owner discussed that the department requires enter staff to ensure each child on a field trip has on their person their name, and the Center's name, address and telephone number.

**Correction Deadline: 12/13/2021**

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30 - The Consultant and Owner discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 11**

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

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Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

**Records Reviewed: 11**

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

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 04/15/2021

Staff # 11 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

**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.