

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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#### **Cover Sheet**

Date: 4/19/2022 Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 1:30 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

**CCLC-331** 

# Peachtree Academy - West

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation			
04/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/19/2021	Complaint Investigation by	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

Deficient

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

## Ratios/License Capacity

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Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	1L		0	0	С	17	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1L	GA PreK	2	17	С	27	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1R	Three Year Olds	2	16	С	21	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	2	14	С	21	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R	Infants	1	4	С	8	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3L	One Year Olds	2	10	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R		0	0	С	21	С	NA	NA	
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	С	16	С	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs Left		0	0	С	18	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Right		0	0	С	12	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	81		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Playground A	52	С	
Main	Playground B	199	С	

#### Comments

Total # Children this Date: 61

An In person visitt was completed on April 19, 2022. An Admin Review was completed on April 27, 2022.

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2022

Building @25 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations

Total Capacity @25 sq.

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 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal 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
- 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)

Laurie Friedman, Program Official	Date	Neli Todorova, 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-,03 Activities Technical Assistance

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that lesson plans are up to date.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in room 1L, there were three computer monitors that were not secured with no incident or injury.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

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

Met

### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 6 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Records Reviewed: 6

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4

Child # 5

Met

Child # 6

Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

## **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that each child has an individual enrollment form and siblings are not listed on the same form.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

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**

Please keep potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies locked and inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

# Technical Assistance

Please bushes/shrubs are not accessible to the children on playground B.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

## **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the exhaust vents in the bathrooms are free of dust.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that there are protective caps on all unused electrical outlets.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation and measurements that:

- \* There were protruding bolts at the bottom of the fence on Playground B and around the gate on Playground A.
- \* There were two gaps at the bottom of the fence on Playground B that measured approximately six and four inches. Additionally, there was a gap at the bottom of the fence on Playground A that measured approximately ten inches.
- \* There were several sharp protruding prongs on the fence on Playground B that were accessible to the children.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director called a maintenance person to come and address the hazards on the fence as soon as possible. The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

# Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurement that:

- \* The resilient surface under and around the swings on Playground B measured between approximately half an inch to three inches in depth, when at least six inches were needed.
- \* The resilient surface under the five feet tall slide on Playground B measured approximately two to three inches, when at least six inches were needed.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that:

- \* There were uncoiled water hoses on both playgrounds that were accessible to the children.
- \* There were two pitch forks, two shovels, one rake and a wheel barrow on Playground B that were accessible to the children.
- \* There were several deteriorating wooden planks at the bottom of the fence on Playground B.
- \* There were several loose wires accessible to the children on the side of the building on Playground B.
- \* The exposed tree roots by the swings on Playground B were not painted.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Food Service

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

#### Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

## 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on measurements that the temperature in the refrigerator in the Infant room was 50 degrees, and in the kitchen refrigerator it was 45 degrees.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(1) - Consultant discussed with the provider that screened operable windows need to be kept open during diapering in the Infant room. The Director stated that they will look into installing an exhaust vent in that room.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

# 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

# Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

## **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(6) - Please that garbage and organic waste is stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

## 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

## Comment

The director reported no medication since the last visit and on this date. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

# **Policies and Procedures**

## 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

## Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

## 591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

# 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

#### Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

#### Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for a vehicle with license plate number DWF 862 used in transporting children this date.

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher on this date.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Please ensure that all safety belts on the bus are in good working condition.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Please ensure that mats with tears and less that two (2) inches thick are replaced.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

# **Staff Records**

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Records Reviewed: 15	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/11/2011	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/05/2013	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2011	
Staff # 5	Met

Records Reviewed: 15 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 08/26/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2017

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2011

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2015

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2004

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 12/21/2011

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

## Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

#### Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

#### 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 that the First Aid Kits on the vehicle and in the building have all required items and are kept inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2021.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(4) - Evidence of three (3) hours of Nutrition training for the Director was observed. Please ensure that the Director completes one (1) additional hour in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

# Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

#### Technical Assistance

Please ensure that Professional Development Plans (PLP) are in place and available for review for Staff #12 and Staff #14. Both staff had completed the required 120 hours of training, but had not completed all additional requirements for obtaining the CDA credential. Consultant provided a copy of a sample PLP form on this date

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

# **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.