



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/13/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:25 AM

**Departure:** 3:10 PM

**CCLC-26195**

**Cornerstone Academy 2**

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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.
11/13/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/11/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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- Ones	One Year Olds	4	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Diapering
Main	B Back- Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B Front- Young Infants	Infants	3	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Nap
Main	C Back- Twos	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	C Front- Twos	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	2	28	C	36	C	50	C	Transitioning
Main	E- Preschool/After School	PreK	3	20	C	35	C	50	C	Nap,Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 194

Total # Children this Date: 115

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left	53	C
Main	PG- Left Front	18	C
Main	PG- Right	91	C

**Comments**

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

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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](mailto: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)



#### Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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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**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2018**

**Corrected on 11/13/2018**

.03(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff were observed to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being on this date. A positive learning environment was observed in all classrooms.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(2) - Please repair or replace the vinyl furniture in Room A - Ones that had minor tears on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure chairs are not stacked in classrooms when children are present and active. Stacked chairs should not be located near children who are napping or resting on their mats.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018**

**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.

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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 observation, that plastic bags were observed accessible to children in Room D-3's & 4's in children's cubbies and in a fabric tote on the manipulative shelf on this date. It was further determined that baby wipes that stated "Keep out of reach of children" were observed accessible to children on a low shelf in Room D - 3's & 4's on this date.

**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: 11/13/2018**

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(6)(b) requires that food and beverages be served in individual plates or bowls and with individual glasses or cups. It was determined, based on observation, that coffee filter were used in the place of plates and cups were used in the place of bowls in Room A - One's and C Back - Two's on this date. The lunch served was observed to be grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, apples, and milk.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will use individual food service items to serve food and beverages.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018****Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/25/2018****Corrected on 11/13/2018**

**.07(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation and staff statement, that the center staff notifies parents immediately or at the end of the day as required.**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for the field trip taken to the Grover Maxwell Performing Arts Theater on October 26, 2018.

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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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined, based on observation, that mats were observed to have tears with foam exposed in Room C Back - Two's on this date. The mats were no longer washable or able to be sanitized on this date as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018**

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**Staff Records**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1) - Please escort all contracted suppliers at all times when they are present in the building or request that services be completed after business hours.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(2) - Please ensure all staff have met the hands-on CPR training requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 12/13/2018**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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