



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 4:05 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-497

Rising Stars Kids Academy

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/05/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/11/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/26/2019	Licensing Study	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 - 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	B-2nd Right rear - 3 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	BLDG-III-4th Left- 3 y/o		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	Not In Use
Main	3rd Left-Additon Pre-K- A		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	Not In Use
Main	A-1st Right Frnt- 3 y/o	One Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-Mid Frnt- Office	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2nd Left Back Room- 0-12 mos	Infants	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-lower level- Downstairs-4+	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	26	C	36	C	Nap
Main	F- Bldg-II-Pre-K-House		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 174

Total # Children this Date: 26

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Right	62	C

Comments

Administrative Visit completed August 5, 2020
 Virtual Visit completed August 20, 2020.

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/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

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)



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

Elaine Palmer, Program Official

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)

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

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2020

Corrected on 8/5/2020

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the light cover in the downstairs left bathroom had been repaired.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2020

Corrected on 8/5/2020

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the yellow and green cars on the large playground and the playhouse on the toddler playground had been had been repaired.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.17(1) - Staff stated proper knowledge.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2020

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

Comment

The center does not dispense medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

Comment

Center did not provide routine transportation due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2020

Corrected on 8/5/2020

.30(1)(b)3 - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that children were asleep on cots equipped with a sheets.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/1996	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2020	
Staff # 6	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

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