



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/31/2018    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 11:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-497**

**Rising Stars Kids 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.
05/31/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/01/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/30/2018	Complaint Investigation & 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	B-2nd Right rear - 3 y/o		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
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	Infants	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-Mid Frnt- Office		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-2nd Left Back Room- 0-12 mos		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-lower level- Downstairs-4+		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	Not In Use
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: 3

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 174

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Right	62	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)



**Important New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Elaine Palmer, Program Official

Date

Roslyn Williams, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018

.03(1) - Previous citation corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018

.12(1) - Previous citation corrected.

### Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018

.26(6) - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018  
.26(7) - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018  
.26(8) - Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018  
.26(9) - Previous citation corrected.

<b>Food Service</b>
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018  
.15(5) - Previous citation corrected.

<b>Safety</b>
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2018

Corrected on 5/31/2018  
.36(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(3)-Two staff persons are currently on sick and summer leave per Director. Consultant will verify training on the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2018**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(6)-Training requirements discussed with Director.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: The center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of ongoing training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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: 12/31/2018**