



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/25/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-50464**

**Daily Blessings Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
08/25/2020	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/06/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/29/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Building II	Classroom E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	27	C	38	C	Homework, Free Play
Building II	Classroom F		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 123							
Main	A- 1's and 2's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	B- 3's and up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 6wks - 12mth		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 81				Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 40			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 123			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - All Ages	27	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 1, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 25, 2020 with the staff person in charge. An in-person visit was not conducted due to Covid-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 16, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.al.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

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).

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)

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Laquita Green, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 1/6/2020**

**Corrected on 8/25/2020**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

### Food Service

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center was required to provide a menu that listed all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months

**Correction Deadline: 8/25/2020**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

The kitchen was not evaluated due to COVID-19 Pandemic. The connection wasn't stable during the Virtual Visit.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/6/2020**

**Corrected on 8/25/2020**

**No pacifier clips were observed on this date.**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/18/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/28/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2020	

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director the requirement for employees to obtain 10 hours of on going training annually and to keep training certificates for each employee as required.

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2020**

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

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic.