



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/21/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:15 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-54352

YWCO After School at High Shoals Elementary

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/21/2021	Initial 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	ASP-Cafeteria		0	0	C	108	C	NA	NA	
Main	ASP-Gym		0	0	C	128	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Playground	Playground	636	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).



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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@decal.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://decal.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Bret Thurmond, Program Official

Date

Melissa McFarlin, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the program, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

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

Met

Comment

On this date, no pool was on the premises.

Comment

On this date, the program Administrator stated that the program will not participate in Swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed Swimming/water requirements with program Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to program Administrator that prior to participating in Swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the program is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming/water activity Rules.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

The total Licensed capacity of the program (school) measured at 236 children, based on Consultant's measurement of two (2) of two (2) rooms, Licensed this date.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Program will ask the school to reconnect the plastic playground border, used to house the resilient surfacing underneath the play equipment located in the right-middle area of the playground.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(9) - The program will ensure staff checks the playground area prior to children playing on the playground. Staff will ensure deflated balls are removed from the playgrounds, specifically in areas where children run.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

On this date, no children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours. Consultant discussed the American Disability Act guidelines and alternate methods used for diapering.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the administrator on this date.

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

The Program currently does not dispense/administer medication. Discussed medication documentation, administration and storage on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Program does not keep animals on premises on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The program's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the administrator on this date.

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

The program administrator stated that the program will not provide Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with the program administrator, all requirements needed in order to conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to the program administrator that prior to conducting Field Trips, the program is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the program staff participating in any aspect. Further, Consultant stated to the program administrator, that prior to conducting Field Trips, the program is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Field Trip requirements.

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

The program administrator stated that the program will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with program administrator, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to program administrator that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the program is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the program Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation, and ensure all Transportation/Field Trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, Consultant stated to program administrator, that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the program is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The School-Age Only program is Licensed to serve children ages five-years and older. Sleeping and resting equipment is not required. Consultant also discussed all Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with program Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 2****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

On this date, two (2) of two (2) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file for the After School Program.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the program administrator on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date.

Hallway Bathroom Use

Bathrooms are not located inside of the Gym and Cafeteria. As such, school age children will use the bathrooms in the hallway area. A variance was submitted for bathroom distance. During all use of the hallway bathrooms, Staff will monitor and closely supervise children. Staff will also escort children to and from the hallway bathrooms, will ensure all children's proper handwashing immediately following bathroom use, and will ensure children's safe return to the Gym and Cafeteria.

Playground Route

The Playground is located at the back of the school, near the cafeteria entrance/exit door. The children will use the route from the entrance/exit door of the school cafeteria to the Playground entry/exit gate, due it being located directly by the playground.

Playground Barrier

Prior to children exiting the school, Center Staff will place orange plastic cones or other temporary barrier (i.e., -movable chain/rope fence, etc.), from the entrance/exit and all areas around the playground, due to the playground not being fully fenced in. Staff will ensure that the barrier is placed, and that Staff are positioned, to completely prevent children's access to the main sidewalk area and parking lot, and properties outside of the Playground. Staff will then closely monitor, supervise children on the playground at all times during playground use. Variance was submitted for fencing.

Areas of playground not within direct line of sight

Due to areas not within direct line of sight, in the front-right corner and left area of the playground, Center Staff will position themselves in areas of the playground that allows complete viewing of all children and will also ensure that all children on the playground are properly supervised at all times.