



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 10/13/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:15 AM

**Departure:** 10:15 AM

**CCLC-52898**

**Cornerstone Academy of Stonecrest**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
10/13/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/15/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/07/2020	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**

**Comments**

01/13/2022 Confirmation from Acting Building Official ( M. Hill) a new Certificate of Occupancy is not required unless the occupancy type changes. Follow-up ILS was conducted on this date. No staff or children were present on this date. due to a previous COVID outbreak. Temporary license extended until receipt of required documents from Dekalb County Fire Marshal. Report sent to owner on October 28, 2021 for signature.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/13/2021

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



**Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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.

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**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](mailto: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.

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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)

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Veronica Thornton, Program Official

Date

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Margaret Pringle, 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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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

**Comment**

No access to the building on this date.

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2021**

**Corrected on 10/13/2021**

.26(8) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

### Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children present during the program on this date.

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**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 director on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete at previous visit.

**Safety**

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

There were no children present 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**

There were no children present on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

No children present on this date!

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2012

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

**Records Reviewed: 20**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 06/23/2021	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 06/17/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/2018	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2001	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 12/23/2016	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2017	

**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 reviewed at previous visit. No new hires on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Facility closed for 14 days due to a student testing positive for COVID.