



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Cover Sheet

Date: 6/8/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-49716

A Fresh Start Preparatory School

100 North River Drive Sandy Springs, GA 30350 Fulton County
 (678) 894-5592 afreshstartfcc@gmail.com

Regional Consultant

April Brown

Phone: (770) 357-5101
 Fax: (770) 357-5102
 april.brown@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address
 Same

Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
06/08/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/10/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/20/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	A-1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-Middle		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-1st Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
----------	------------	----------------------	-----------------------

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/08/2022

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/Regulations.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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

Oliver Ferreira, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 6/8/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-49716

A Fresh Start Preparatory School

100 North River Drive Sandy Springs, GA 30350 Fulton County
(678) 894-5592 afreshstartfcc@gmail.com

Mailing Address
Same

Regional Consultant

April Brown

Phone: (770) 357-5101
Fax: (770) 357-5102
april.brown@decal.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined that a large fish tank was not secured as it was observed sitting on top of a low wooden shelf in the first left classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities per the director at this time.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * Purell advanced hand sanitizer was located on a shelf in the first left classroom labeled, "keep out of reach of children."
- * Plastic walmart bags, baby wipes and petroleum jelly, labeled, "keep out of reach of children", was located in children's bookbags in the cubby area of the hallway.
- * A staff member's purse, brooms, dust pans, plungers, plastic walmart bags, glass cleaner, clorox bleach and disinfectant spray labeled, "Keep out of reach of children", was located in an unlocked closet in the hallway.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation vines and vegetation were protruding through the back black fence. Additionally, there was a gap measuring approximately 15 inches in height and three inches in width in the wooden fence on the right back side.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. The center will remove the vines and vegetation and repair the wooden fence.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering on this date. School age children present on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands as required on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time per the director.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed and assisted with reporting requirements with the director on this date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in B6186 was completed on October 31, 2021.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation was observed from May 9, 2022 through May 20, 2022. The director reported that currently the center did not provide transportation at this time.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2021

Corrected on 6/8/2022

Correction of citation in that all three staff members, including the director, completed the two hour transportation training as required. The transportation trainings were completed on March 30, 2022, May 23, 2022 and May 31, 2022.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Comment

There were no infants enrolled on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/30/2011	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2021	

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2020

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit which was completed on November 10, 2021.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

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

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation there was a lack of supervision as the staff members responsible for supervising children in care left children alone and unsupervised in the first left and first right classrooms. The children were also allowed to leave both classrooms as they were observed to go back and forth to the bathroom and one child went into an unlocked closet to obtain supplies requested from the staff member.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. The director will ensure there are enough staff members hired to properly supervise children in care and will not allow children to freely go back and forth to the bathroom without a staff member being present to supervise the children.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022