



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/27/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 10:35 AM

CCLC-12944

Little House Academy

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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.
01/27/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/07/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/04/2019	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
1st Bldg	2nd R0Frog		0	0	C	11	C	16	C	
1st Bldg	A Fr Mid R-Crayola	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
1st Bldg	B Frt Mid L-Safari	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	15	C	Music
1st Bldg	C Back Middle-Inf/Tod	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
1st Bldg	D L-Pooh	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
1st Bldg	Frt R-Dalmation	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	22	C	31	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 200				
2nd Bldg	1st L	PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
2nd Bldg	1st R Ga Pre-K	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
2nd Bldg	2nd L	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	30	C	Circle Time
2nd Bldg	2nd R GA Pre-K	PreK	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
2nd Bldg	Gym		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 200				
Total # Children this Date: 115			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 200				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

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.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.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.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.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.ga.gov

Jennifer Cloud, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019

Corrected on 1/27/2020

.03(7)(c) - Citation corrected.

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

Not Met

Comment

Consultant discussed disinfecting of toys.

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 based on observation that in Building One that Front Right (Dalmations) Classroom, and In Building Two the 1st Left and 2nd Left all had televisions on shelves that were not secure that posed a falling hazard.

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: 1/27/2020

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that hazards needs to remain inaccessible as plastic bags were observed in Pre-K classrooms in unlocked cabinets that pose a suffocation hazard.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that one of two toilets seats in the restroom used by the Dalmation and Crayola Classrooms needs to be secure as the seat was loose and posed a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020

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

A piece of sliding equipment on the back playground was observed to have a large crack. The center director provided paperwork that the replacement had been ordered and that the children were not using the slide.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the back playground being removed from the center license or the center making the necessary repairs.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that gum ball and pine cones were observed on the right background, and exposed tree roots on the left back playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed spacing of cribs and placing floor items in cribs that could potentially be used that day. Consultant stated that a new sheet would need to be placed on the cribs.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2005	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2007	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2012	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2005	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/15/2017	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/21/2014	

Records Reviewed: 16

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Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 02/27/2017

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 10/13/2008

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2008

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2015

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 18

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

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.