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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/7/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 11:45 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.
04/07/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/09/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/09/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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	
1st Bldg	2nd R0Frog		0	0	C	11	C	16	C	Not In Use	
1st Bldg	A Fr Mid R-Crayola	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art	
1st Bldg	B Frt Mid L-Safari		0	0	C	11	C	15	C		
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	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music	
1st Bldg	Frt R-Dalmation	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	31	C	Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			200		
2nd Bldg	1st L	Four Year Olds	1	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Homework	
2nd Bldg	1st R Ga Pre-K		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
2nd Bldg	2nd L		0	0	C	22	C	30	C		
2nd Bldg	2nd R GA Pre-K		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA		
2nd Bldg	Gym	Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	34	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			200		
Total # Children this Date:			69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			200		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			200		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1st Bldg	Large	97	C
1st Bldg	Small	26	C

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.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)

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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable. Discussed mounting the television in the gym area with the director on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required. Additionally, please ensure all TV cords are secured with zip ties or velcro to ensure continued safety of children in care.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

Corrected on 4/7/2022

Correction of citation in that the vents in the children's bathrooms were clean and free of dust as required on this date. The director reported staff members will ensure each classroom's vents are cleaned daily.

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

Please ensure playground / outdoor equipment is free of lead-based paint, sharp corners, and chipped paint. Equipment shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/9/2022****Corrected on 4/7/2022**

Correction of citation in that the bread was stored in open bins and cool areas in the kitchen as required. Additionally, expired food items were discarded. The director will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2022**Corrected on 4/7/2022**

Correction of citation in that the cook recorded substitutions on the menus posted throughout the center as required.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

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

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed to be complete on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/9/2022****Corrected on 4/7/2022**

Correction of citation in that the director stated proper knowledge of required reporting procedures on this date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in B6835 was completed on November 2, 2021.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation conducted from March 21, 2022 through April 1, 2022 was observed on this date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the small areas of exposed foam in the vehicle used in transporting children is repaired on the corner ends.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff member on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(b) requires that wedges, other infant positioning devices and monitors shall not be used unless the Parent provides a physician’s written statement authorizing its use that includes how to use the device and a time frame for using the device is provided for that particular infant. It was determined that a written statement from the physician of an infant in care provided by the parent did not include what device to use, how it should be used and a time frame for using the device for sleeping as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will not use such devices without a doctor's statement that includes the required information. The center immediately contacted the parent and had the physician to revise the letter to include required information on 4/7/22.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2005	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2007	
Staff # 6	Met

Date of Hire: 05/29/2012

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2015

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2005

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/06/2017

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2017

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 11/28/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 06/29/2020

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2020

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/21/2014

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 22 Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2014

Staff # 23 Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 24 Met
Date of Hire: 10/13/2008

Staff # 25 Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19

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 March 9, 2022.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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) Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.