



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**CCLC-2110**

**Little People's Paradise Day Care Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
04/17/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/26/2019	Licensing Study	Support	
10/18/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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		0	0		10	C	NA	NA		
Main	B - 2nd left		0	0		12	C	NA	NA		
Main	C - 1st right		0	0		30	C	NA	NA		
Main	D - 2nd right		0	0		10	C	15	C		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					62	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					130
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			130		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	one	168	C

**Comments**

Center had a good standing regulatory visit on April 17, 2019. The center requested to discontinue TA services on this date.

No new hires since the previous visit.

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

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](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.

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

Evea Wright, Program Official

Date

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<b>Facility</b>
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**Rule:** 591-1-1-.25(13)Indoor Storage-Hazards

**Plan of Improvement:** The center will maintain a hazardous free environment on a daily basis for children in care by storing all hazards in an area that is inaccessible to all children.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will conduct a walk through of the classrooms on a daily basis to monitor for any grocery bags and trash bags in the child's cubby or accessible to children. Consultant discussed replacing grocery bags with ziploc bags.	Director	04/10/2019	Completed		Director continues to conduct a walk through of the facility and each classroom to ensure grocery bags and trash bags are not accessible to children in care.	04/10/2019

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9)Playground-Safe/Clean

Plan of Improvement: The director will maintain a hazardous free outdoor play area to keep children from accidents and injuries on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Management will designate a staff person to use the Playground Maintenance Checklist form on a daily basis to monitor the areas for any hazardous equipment and hazardous items on the playground.	Management	04/10/2019	Completed		Management has assigned the owner to use the Playground Maintenance Checklist form to monitor the outside play areas for any hazards.	04/10/2019
2	Management will repair, remove, or replace any broken equipment, equipment missing parts, and active ants beds.	Management	04/10/2019	Completed		The owner continues to monitor the outside play areas for any hazards and repairs/removes any broken equipment immediately.	04/10/2019

Staffing and Supervision

Rule: 591-1-1-.32(2)Mixed-ages groups/cap. of 19+

Plan of Improvement: The center will ensure that each classroom has the appropriate staff to child ratio at all times during the day.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will hire additional staff to have the appropriate staff to child ratio on a daily basis and when other staff call out of work.	Director	04/10/2019	In-Progress			
2	Director will discuss with the teachers to report when the ratios are exceeded to ensure children can be moved to other classrooms or additional staff can be placed in the room when necessary.	Director	04/10/2019	In-Progress			
3	Director will require two year old and three year old permission forms to be complete by the child's parent/guardian when a two year old is house in the three year old room and a three year old is house in a two year old classroom.	Director	04/10/2019	Completed		Director provided the parents of two year olds with a permission form to sign which will allow the child to be housed with three year olds.	04/10/2019