



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/4/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-38881

Lester's Learning 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.
09/04/2018	Licensing Study	Deficient	
04/03/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/27/2017	Licensing Study	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
Lester's	A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers
Lester's	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	21	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Lester's	C	Infants	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Lester's	D		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 34

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Lester's	A	24	C
Lester's	B	6	C

Comments


The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study.

The director stated that the center does not provide transportation, field trips, swimming activities, or administer any medications.

The center is currently enrolled in the Quality Rated program and has earned a rating of two stars.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/18/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decals.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://decals.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.decals.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@decals.ga.gov

Kimball Middlebrooks, Program Official

Date

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Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that nine of thirty-four children were documented as being present by a parent or authorized person at the time of arrival.

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Correction Deadline: 9/18/2018

Recited on 9/4/2018

	Facility
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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) **Not Met**

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Correction Deadline: 4/3/2018

Corrected on 9/4/2018

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The box fan has been moved to a place where the cord is not a tripping hazard and no brooms or dust pans were observed to be present in the classroom.

Technical Assistance

Please check low cabinets for hazardous items. If items that could be hazardous are stored in low cabinets, please ensure the cabinets are locked.

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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that in the one-year-old room at the back of the classroom there was an outlet plate that was broken and had jagged sharp edges.

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Correction Deadline: 9/18/2018

Recited on 9/4/2018

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and 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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the following equipment hazards were on the playground.

- On the wooden play structure under the slide area there was a broken board with sharp pieces exposed.
- On the red and blue climber with a tunnel on the bottom the red platform had two sections that were rusted and had jagged edges.
- On the older children's playground the gray plastic rock wall platform had two three inch cracks in the platform posing a pinching hazard.
- On the younger children's playground the small yellow slide had holes and cracks down each side of the slide posing a pinching hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2018

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Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on the older children's playground the rock wall climber connected to the wooden play structure did not have the CPSC recommended six feet of fall zone space around the climber.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2018

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 consultant's observation that the following hazards were observed:

- The siding underneath the window on the older playground was not attached to the side of the building.
 - The back fence in the older playground was covered in shrubbery with thorny vines.
 - Two wasps nests were observed in the corner of the building under the soffit. There were seven wasps present on and around the first nest and five wasps present on and around the second nest.
 - The gray plastic climber was observed to have a thorny vine growing up through the play structure and on the platform.
 - The grass on the younger children's playground was observed to be fifteen inches tall under the swings and in the mulch area.
 - The drain pipe on the side of the building on the younger children's playground was observed to be broken at the bottom with jagged edges.
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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2018

Recited on 9/4/2018

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the kitchen area is kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Please ensure kitchen appliances and counters and cleaned daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2018

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(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 last visit

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.