



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 11/15/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM

**Departure:** 1:10 PM

**CCLC-30877**

**Lil' Munchkins Day Care & Learning 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.
11/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/12/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/01/2016	Licensing Study	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
Main	A	Infants	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	B - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	23	C	Circle Time
Main	Bldg 2-Modular F		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Bldg 2-Modular G		0	0	C	0	C	28	C	
Main	C - Back Middle	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D - 1st Left	One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E - 1st Right	Four Year Olds	1	2	C	21	C	30	C	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 124

Total # Children this Date: 33

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 124

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG 5-12 yrs	23	C
Main	PG Infant	23	C
Main	PG Toddler	24	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is a licensure visit. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center does not provide transportation. The center does carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/15/2017

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](http://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.

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**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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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.al.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.

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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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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KATHY RING, Program Official

Date

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Beth Houtz, Consultant

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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**

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observation-Clean and Well Maintained

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 observation that the orange panel of a Little Tikes play structure was cracked creating a potential entrapment and pinching hazard. A swing was cracked and broken in the middle creating a potential pinching hazard. Two out of five Cozy Coupe were missing a gas cap creating a potential entrapment hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The center will repair or replace the broken equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 11/25/2017**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

No Animals Kept

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

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 6/22/2017**

Corrected on 11/15/2017

.36(3)(a-c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center is no longer providing transportation.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2017

Corrected on 11/15/2017

.36(4)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center is no longer providing transportation.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2017

Corrected on 11/15/2017

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

<b>Staff Records</b>
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

**Comment**

Two staff hired since last visit

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Lead staff education requirements

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios