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Date: 3/12/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-2304

Lighthouse Early Start Academy One

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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.
03/12/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/28/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2018	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	
Main	A - 1st Left		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use	
Main	B - 1st Right		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	C - 2nd Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	D - 2nd Left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	E - 3rd Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations
Total # Children this Date:			0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		29			
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	50	C

Comments

The Lighthouse Early Start Academy (CCLC-2304) is undergoing renevation and the children are housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center (CCLC-12891). Children and staff enrolled at The Lighthouse Early Start Academy are counted in with the child / staff ratio of children enrolled at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and documented on the LS for The Lighthouse Early Start Academy.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

- 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

Doris McRae, Program Official

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

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

Met

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

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

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

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Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/22/2019

Food Service

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Organization

591-1-1-.04 Admission and Enrollment**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

591-1-1-.38 Enforcement**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/26/2019

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/17/2019

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/17/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/22/2019

Staff Records

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

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

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

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 3/19/2019

591-1-1-.28 Prohibited Substances Met

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 3/22/2019

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

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

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

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