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Date: 8/28/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-2304

Lighthouse Early Start Academy One

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/28/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/05/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/20/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	One Year Olds	1	1	C	13	C	18	C	Transitioning, 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:			1			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	50	C

Comments

This Monitoring Visit is the first regulatory visit for Lighthouse Early Start Academy One this 2018 - 2019 fiscal year. The center staff and children are currently being housed at their sister center, First Steps Infant / Toddler Center which is located at 501 Church Street, Vidalia, Georgia until remodeling is complete at Lighthouse. No staff or children was present during this visit to Lighthouse Early Start Academy One.

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).



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@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.

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

Doris McRae, 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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A Monitoring Visit was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center this morning and the consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018

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

Met

Comment

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A Monitoring Visit was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and the consultant observed toys and equipment to be in good repair.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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)

Met

Comment

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and no hazards was observed. The Lighthouse will ensure no hazards are accessible when reopening.

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

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and no hazards was observed on the playground. The Lighthouse will ensure no hazards are accessible to the children on the playground when re-opening.

Health and Hygiene

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

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and proper diapering was observed. The Lighthouse will ensure all diapering rules and regulations are followed when re-opening.

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

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and proper hand washing was observed. The Lighthouse will ensure that handshaking rules and regulations are followed when re-opening.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018

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

The center director stated no medication is administered.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and positive redirection was observed. The Lighthouse will ensure that discipline rules and regulations are followed when re-opening.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and SIDS / Safe Sleep was discussed. The Lighthouse will ensure that Safe Sleep rules and regulations are followed when re-opening.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and appropriate staff / child ratios was observed. The Lighthouse will ensure that staff / child ratio rules and regulations are followed when re-opening.

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

The children enrolled at Lighthouse Early Start Academy One are currently being housed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center while Lighthouse is remodeling. A MV was completed at First Steps Infant / Toddler Center and direct and attentive supervision was observed. The Lighthouse will ensure supervision rules and regulations are followed when re-opening.