



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/28/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-27902

Lowndes I Head Start Center

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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.
02/28/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/19/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/04/2017	Monitoring Visit	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	3 years- Rm G	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm B	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Rm C	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Rm E	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Rm F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Rm H	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm I	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Rm J	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 156			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	155	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and to follow up on any previous rule citations. The center does provide transportation and does not currently dispense any medication. There have been no new hires since the last visit.

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

Valerie Williams, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. The vinyl couch and chairs in classrooms B, G, and I was observed to be coming apart at the side seams. The Director applied tape to the chairs during the visit and said that new furniture was on ordering and being brought over from another center.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2018

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

Please be mindful to keep cleaning supplies such as brooms and dust pans inaccessible to children.

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

Met

Comment

Please fluff and redistribute resilient surface under the slides.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Director stated that no medications are currently dispensed.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2017

Corrected on 2/28/2018

.36(7)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Director has updated the transportation records to include doctor names and numbers and medical facility used by center.

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

No infants enrolled. The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

	Staff Records
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Records Reviewed: 23	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/30/2013

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/01/2012

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/07/2016

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/13/2016

Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/14/2012	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2012	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2015	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2016	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 06/05/2017	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2014	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2015	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2006	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2018	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2006	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/1995	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2015	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2015	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2015	

Records Reviewed: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 04/25/2017	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2016	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 09/19/2001	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 06/05/2017	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 23

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.