



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/23/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:20 PM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-3105

Lighthouse Christian Day Care

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/23/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/24/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/30/2017	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	removed AM		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm A-1st L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	Rm B-1st R-hall		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm C-Left entry-2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm D-Bk left		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	Rm E-end rm 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	23	C	32	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	3's+	156	C
Main	infant-2's	43	C

Comments

The purpose of today's is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. The center does provide transportation and does not administer medication.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/23/2018

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@dec.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.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.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.ga.gov

Vickie Burt, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The consultant observed toys and equipment stacked on top of other furniture and toys. The consultant discussed with the director about not stacking toys and equipment so that they do not pose a falling hazard.

Additionally, the red, blue, and yellow climber in the infant room is beginning to fray on the top and edges. Please monitor to ensue it remains in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2018

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2017

Corrected on 1/23/2018

.08(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. all children records reviewed had all required information.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

The Center is currently renovating their playground area. The area with the see saws and swings are not currently in use. The center expects to be done with the playground renovation by mid February 2018.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. The consultant discussed with the Director about ensuring that all fence bolts are cut to a minimum of two threads in length. Additionally, the consultant observed a small gap at the bottom of the fence and showed it to the Director so that it could be filled in.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2018

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 observation that the following hazards were present on the playground and accessible to children in care.

- In the grassy area at the back of the older playground there was an active ant bed presenting a biting hazard.
- On the Infant and toddler playground at the end of the gutters was a fibrous material that had washed off of the roof presenting a choking hazard.
- On the Infant and toddler playground by the covered area at the bottom of the gutters on the ground are washed areas that allow for standing water after rain presenting a standing water hazard.

The center removed the fibrous material during the visit and treated the ant bed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2018

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

The Director stated that no medication is currently dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2017

Corrected on 1/23/2018

.21(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has documentation of conducted file drills.**Safety**

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

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

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**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/19/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2013	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2016	
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/23/2009

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.