



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/14/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:25 PM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

CCLC-35081

Little Angel's Learning 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.
08/14/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/08/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/06/2017	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-end right	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play, Nap
Main	B-middle	One Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning, Nap
Main	C-left	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	34	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a licensing study and a follow up for any previous rule citations. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center does not transport children and does not dispense any medication.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/14/2018

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.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

Nellie Kates, Program Official _____ Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant _____ Date

Melissa Herndon, Consultant _____ 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Lesson Plans were observed in two of three classrooms. The consultant discussed with the Director about posting lesson plans in each classroom and dating the lesson plans for the current week or month.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed a shelf in the two-year-old room to be peeling at the bottom and in the three-year-old room the lid of a plastic container was cracked. The Director stated that they would repair or replace the items observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with Director about using n/a or none in any section where the information is not known or not valid.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the storage closet in the two-year-old room was not locked allowing children in care access to a broom, shovel, vacuum, and empty mop bucket.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2018

Corrected on 8/14/2018

.25(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All hazards were observed to be repaired.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 there was two active ant beds on the playground. Additionally, there is a top board on the right hand railing that is beginning to show signs of rot and decay. The Director stated that the porch would be enclosed soon and that the board would be replaced then. The Director removed vines that were growing through the fence during the visit. The Director will ensure the vines do not become a tripping hazard.

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: 8/14/2018

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - The consultant observed that the Fire and Safety Drills for the month of July 2018 were not documented. The consultant discussed with the Director about ensuring the monthly drills are conducted and documented each month.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2018

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

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The consultant discussed with the Director about ensuring the nap cots are covered when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 05/12/2014	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/15/2012	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/12/2014	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 06/16/2015	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2018

Corrected on 8/14/2018

.31(2)(b)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Three staff members were observed to have satisfactory credentials.

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.