



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/29/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:30 PM

Departure: 2:55 PM

CCLC-38647

Laughter & Lullabies Childcare Academy

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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. |
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| 10/29/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 08/28/2019 | Incident Investigation Closure | Good Standing | |
| 07/17/2019 | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | 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 Front | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | B: 1R | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | C: Back R | | 0 | 0 | C | 24 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | D: Back Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 19 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82 | | | | | | | |
| | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | A - Preschool | 79 | C |
| Main | B - Infant/Toddler | 19 | C |

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/29/2019

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

Tyra Scott, Program Official

Date

Valarie Musselwhite, 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)

Met

Comment

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

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure rugs are smooth to the flooring to prevent any potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2019

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the gate securely closed, and staff stated the gates remain closed while children are playing on the playground.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on an observation that the green slide equipment had a resilient surfacing at the ladder measuring zero inches when three inches is required, and the slide had a resilient surface measuring one inch when three inches is required. It was further determined, that the fall zone of the ladder measured zero feet when four feet is required, and the fall zone of the slide measured two feet when five feet is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2019

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed children to wash their hands upon arrival and after using the restroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.17(8) - Correction of previous citation in that staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures, and staff stated their hands are washed before and after each diaper change.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019

Corrected on 10/29/2019

.29(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the director stated proper knowledge of required reporting policies.

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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/15/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2015

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/10/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Criminal record 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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.