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Date: 9/4/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-39314

Little Folks Farm & Childcare

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/04/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/01/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/06/2018	Licensing Study	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	Room: A(Left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	Room: B(Right)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Diapering
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	38	C

Comments

This Licensing Study is the first regulatory visit for Little Folks Farm & Childcare this 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. The center director stated no medication is administered, no of site field trips are provided and no routine transportation is provided. The center currently has a one star Quality Rating. One new employee has been hired since the consultants last visit. All staff members have a SAT COMP fingerprint CBC letter on file.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/04/2019

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

Lisa Williams, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities**Met****Comment**

The consultant observed age appropriate activities throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.03(2) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected. The consultant observed current and up to date lesson plans to be posted.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**Met****Comment**

Toys and Equipment was observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Comment

591-1-1-.08(6) The consultant observed eighteen children to be present and eighteen children to be signed in.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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(15) - The center director and staff will ensure that any power tools, drop cords, etc. being used to remodel the center will be put away and inaccessible to the children during operational hours.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

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

Met

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The center director stated no medications are administered.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License Met

Comment

The center currently has a valid 2019 license with Bright From The Start.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2019

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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(1)(b)3 - The center director and staff will ensure that all mats have sheets which are marked for individual use, for the children during nap time.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2000	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.33(3) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.33(4) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2019

Corrected on 9/4/2019

.32(1) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.