



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/4/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:55 AM    **Departure:** 1:25 PM

**CCLC-39314**

**Little Folks Farm & Childcare**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
04/04/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/27/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/09/2017	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	Room: A(Left)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room: B(Right)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	
Total # Children this Date:			12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			24	
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	38	C

**Comments**

The center director stated that no new staff has been hired since the last visit.

The center does not conduct transportation, field trips, and does not administer medications.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2018

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Lisa Williams, 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)****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)****Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**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 the consultant's observation that there was a hole measuring four feet in front of the wooden house causing a potential 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: 3/28/2018

Recited on 4/4/2018

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2017

Corrected on 4/4/2018

.07(5) - Previous citation observed corrected in that no pacifiers were attached to children.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Not Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that children were observed not washing their hands liquid soap and warm running water after eating lunch.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2018

Recited on 4/4/2018

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2017

Corrected on 4/4/2018

.17(8) - Previous citation observed corrected in that staff were observed washing their hands as required.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. On this date the director stated that no medication is being dispensed.

<b>Safety</b>
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2017

Corrected on 4/4/2018

.11(1) Previous citation observed corrected in that appropriate child guidance techniques were discussed on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 11/27/2017****Corrected on 4/4/2018****.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation observed corrected in that sheets were tight fitting as required.****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two (2) years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that a two year old child was observed sleeping in a crib.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2018****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Please ensure that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2018**

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**Staff Records**

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

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/13/2013	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/27/2017	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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**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.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.33(6)- Annual training for 2017 will be reviewed at the licensing study.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: Staff will complete training.

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/27/2017**

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**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.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.