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Date: 10/18/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 3:35 PM
 Follow Up

CCLC-487

Little Dreamer's 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.
10/18/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/18/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/23/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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
Building 1	1L 2 years	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	1R 4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	2L Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	27	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Diapering
Building 1	2R 2-3 years	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	3L 1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Dining		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Middle left 1-2 year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Middle right	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building 2	1L School Age	PreK	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	1R 4-5 years old	PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Playground A infants /twos	42	C
Building 1	Playground B	79	C
Building 2	Playground C	60	C
Building 2	Playground D-small left side	5	C


Comments

Follow up to the previous visit was completed on this date.

Required reporting was discussed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Amy Grant, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined by consultant's observation that an infant was asleep in a swing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/09/2006	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2002	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2002	

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/17/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/30/2012	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/12/2009	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/26/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/27/2004	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/10/2002	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/24/2014	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/31/2015	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/01/2005	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/16/2017	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/28/2015	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/24/2015	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/26/2016	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 09/09/2016	Met

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

Met

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit. Nineteen staff members were observed to have satisfactory criminal record checks on this date.