



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/3/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

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Little Lambs Learning Center

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/03/2020	Initial 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
Building A	Room A-6w -18m		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room B-18m-2y		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room C-3y		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room D-4y		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Special Use		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Playground A	6w-2y	47	C
Playground B	3y-12y	61	C

Comments

Congratulations! Permission to Operate was granted on this date.

Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 15, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection and discussed during the exit conference.

The center does not carry Liability Insurance.

The owner of the facility has a current Family Child Care Learning Home License through the department. The owner will continue to keep the Family Child Care Learning Home open and will not be present at the Child Care Learning Center. The owner will contact the department if she chooses to close the Family Child Care Learning Home license.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured to the wall, as applicable.

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

The program has the following capacity limitations: The center was licensed for Sixty Six (66) children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - A temporary gate was added between Playgrounds A and B to ensure an adequate enclosure was provided. The center will add a permanent metal gate by September 14, 2020. A temporary fence was added to the metal fence around the AC unit to ensure the AC unit has a 4 (four) foot barrier provided. The center will add a permanent metal 4 (four) foot fence by September 14, 2020. A temporary fence was added to Playground B to close off access to the side of the building. The center will add a permanent metal 4 (four) foot fence by September 14, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - 591-1-1-.26(9) The center will ensure the playground is free of hazards,. The center will ensure the ramp from the infant and one year old classroom is added to the outside door. The center will ensure the deck off of the infant and toddler classroom has secured boards. The concrete pads along the outside classrooms doors will be flushed with the ground at all times. The center will be replacing all outdoor door frames by September 14, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing and changing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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) **Met**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the center on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - 7 (Seven) cribs observed, the cribs meet the ASTM guidelines for safe sleeping.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2020

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 09/03/2020	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/03/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/03/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/03/2020	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Six (6) of six (6) staff Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Staff members will ensure the First Aid Kit is complete and checked periodically. A triangular bandage will be added to the First Aid Kit.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2020

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A supervision plan for Classroom B was created on this date, the center will ensure the classroom is adequately staffed and able to watch children in all areas of the classrooms including blind spots.

A supervision plan for Room A was created for the diapering area due to the diapering changing area facing the wall. The center will ensure the classroom is adequately staffed and able to watch children during diapering.