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Date: 8/7/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:05 PM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-969

Learning Junction Preschool

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Quality Rated: No

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.
08/07/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/05/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/01/2017	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	1st Blue Room	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1st Red Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	26	C	Centers
Main	1st Right- Younger Infants	Infants	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	2nd Blue Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Red Room		0	0	C	18	C	26	C	
Main	2nd Right- Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Green Room	Six Year Olds and Over	2	34	C	32	NC	45	C	Centers
Main	Purple Room	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Yellow Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	20	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205					
Total # Children this Date: 120					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Playground	60	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	95	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	38	C
Main	PG-Back Playground	201	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/07/2018

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. 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.

- 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

Gene Sutton, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018

Corrected on 8/7/2018

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all equipment and furniture was observed to be free from hazardous conditions on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure stacked chairs are not accessible to children in all classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2018

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

Swimming activities provided off site.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined, based on observation, that thirty-four children were observed present in a classroom licensed for thirty-two on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2018

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that a staff purse was observed accessible to children on top of children's cubbies in the 1st Red Room. It was further determined that a roll of trash bags was observed accessible to children in an unsecured cabinet under the sink in the Green Room on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2018**Recited on 8/7/2018****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please repair the cubby door that is disconnected from the top hinge in the Green Room. The cubby door was not accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2018

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018**Corrected on 8/7/2018**

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playground was observed to be clean, free of litter and hazards on this date.

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 assistant director stated that no medication is dispensed at this time.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for field trips taken to the Barnish Swimming Pool during the summer break.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2018

Corrected on 8/7/2018

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff participating in transportation had evidence of completing the two hour transportation training as required on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2012	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2011	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2017	
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/15/1994

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2016

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2014

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2014

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2018

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2016

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2015

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2013

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 05/03/1999

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2017

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2004

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employee hired since last visit.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Corrected on 8/7/2018

.33(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had evidence of completing the mandatory Health and Safety Orientation as required on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Corrected on 8/7/2018

.31(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that lead teachers lacking a credential were enrolled in a program of study to obtain the credential or degree required.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.