



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/28/2026 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-72

Little Acres Child Care

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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. 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.
01/28/2026	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/26/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
10/23/2025	Incident Investigation/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
Bldg 1	1 RT	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 1	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Bldg 1	2 LF	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Bldg 1	2 RT	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Bldg 1	BK End	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	FAR BK RT	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			110		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg 2	1LF	GA PreK	2	19	C	36	C	NA	NA	Music
Bldg 2	LB	GA PreK	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 2	RB	GA PreK	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 2	RF	GA PreK	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			108		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 139			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

A copy of this report was provided on this date.

The Consultant discussed with the Director the following:

- Some ceiling tiles are moved along the ceilings to allow the heat above the tiles so the pipes do not freeze during the extreme cold conditions.
- Organization tips for regulatory documents.
- Monitoring car seats on the vans to ensure the manufacturing expiration dates have not expired.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

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 on this date.

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 the following hazards were accessible to students on this date:

- Bldg 2, 1LF there was a plastic bag filled with other smaller empty plastic bags in the girls bathroom accessible to children.
- Bldg 2, LB - there was a plastic bag filled with other smaller empty plastic bags in the girls bathroom accessible to children.
- Bldg 2, RF - the middle cabinet below the child sized sink was unlocked and a plunger and empty plastic bags were stored and accessible to children.

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: 1/28/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that utility wires are not accessible to children on the playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Please ensure that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after diapering and toileting.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2026

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - Ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.11(2) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Center has implemented policies and processes to review current discipline policy to ensure it clearly outlines approved and prohibited discipline practices. It focuses on policy and the examples of positive guidance techniques. The Center has a mandatory training process for positive behavior guidance; age-appropriate expectations; redirection and conflict resolution, and prohibited discipline practices (no corporal punishment, humiliation, threats, or isolation). The plan includes Consistent Implementation in Classrooms, Monitoring and Supervision, Documentation and Communication, and Progressive Staff Accountability

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

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.36(3)(a-b) -

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.14(1) - The previous citation has been corrected. Evidence of certification of CPR and triennial training program in pediatric first aid was reviewed in the staff files.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation has been corrected. All Staff members with direct care responsibilities has completed health and safety training within the first 90 days.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.33(4) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Director has evidence of current 4 hours of Nutrition training.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review of the records that staff #36, hired on May 14, 2029 and staff # 45, hired on August 30, 2016 and staff #46, hired on August 4, 2025 do not have evidence of 10 annual hours of diverse training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 2/27/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.31(13) - The previous citation has been corrected. The staff member is no longer employed and no evidence of criminal acts were observed on this date.

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.