



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/12/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

CCLC-39560

Little Leaps 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. 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.
02/12/2026	POI Follow Up	Support	
01/15/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/08/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	A		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Main	D		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	E	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	18	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F	Infants and One Year Olds	4	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	G	GA PreK	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	H		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118					
Total # Children this Date: 41					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	40	C
Main	Playground B	17	C
Main	Playground C	61	C
Main	Playground D	5	C
Main	Playground E	9	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct the center's monthly follow-up visit.

A plan of Improvement will need to be submitted through decal koala by February 26, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/26/2026

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Not Met
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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 in Room E 18 children were present in a room that was licensed for 10 children.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026

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

Consultant discussed that the center's emergency plan for all emergency situations, including flooding will need to be followed.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2026

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based observation that Room E had 2-year-old children housed with 3-year-old and 4-year-old children.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026