



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:25 PM

CCLC-493

Little People's Corner Day Care

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Same

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.
08/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/07/2024	Complaint Closure	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
Main	#1- Right Hall- 1st Right Blue Door Infant	Infants	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	#10 Private Pre-k Yellow Door	Three Year Olds	1	1	C	14	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	#11 Lunch Room		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	#12- Downstairs Right Blue Door SA		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	#14 Downstairs Left Green Door Pre-k	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	#2- Left Hall -1st Left red door Toddler	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#3- Left Hall 2nd Left Yellow Door Two-Three's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	#4- Left Hall- 3rd Left Orange Door Three's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	#5- Left Hall- 3rd Right Green Door Two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#6- Left Hall- 2nd Right Purple door Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	#7- Left Hall 1st Right Blue Door Three's	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	#8- Back Hall- Left Purple Door Pre-k	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers

Main	#9- Back Hall Right- Blue Door Pre-k	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 114

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ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground- Front Covered	3	C
Main	Playground- Front Playground End Uncovered	14	C
Main	Playground- Left Side Front Middle Covered	8	C
Main	Playground- Left Side Middle	97	C
Main	Playground- Right Side	317	C
Main	Playground- Trike Path	51	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	18	23	26	39	0	1

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Consultant left a one-day criminal records check letter on this date.

Consultant left the Affidavit Verifying Completion of Background Check Video Units this date which must be returned completed within five business days of this visit.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Spoke with Director regarding looking at equipment for possible tip hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Spoke with Director about removing brooms from restrooms.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2025**Prior Visits: 10/12/2023****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1.26(1)(a) requires that a Center with a licensed capacity of 19 or more children have ready access to an outdoor play area minimally one hundred square feet times one-third of the licensed capacity. It was determined based on observation that there were 14 children on Playground - Left Side Front Middle Covered that has a maximum capacity of eight children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will implement a plan to add outdoor play space or limit the center's licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025**Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024****Prior Visits: 10/12/2023****Corrected on 8/5/2025**

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected n this date. Sufficient resilient surface was observed.

Food Service**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met**

Comment

Bottles were covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Infant feeding forms were updated.

591-1-1-18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 21**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Cribs/cots were labeled for individual use.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #9, that was hired on July 25, 2025, did not submit both a Records Check application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will routinely review staff files to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will follow the procedures presented in the training videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2025**Prior Visits: 05/25/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #9 was hired on July 25, 2025, and was present with a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination letter with an expiration date of March 22, 2029. Staff member #9 was observed to be present with children in the GA Pre-K classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will routinely review staff files to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will follow the procedures presented in the training videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2025**Prior Visits: 05/25/2023**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) **Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2024**Corrected on 8/5/2025**

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Documentation of annual staff training hours were observed.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 21**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

Prior Visits: 08/16/2024

Corrected on 8/5/2025

.32(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Parent permission was being obtained.

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

Met

Comment

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