



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**  
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**Date:** 8/9/2021    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-54280**

**Little Lions Preschool, Inc.**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** No

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                         |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.                                                                                         |
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| 08/09/2021                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                    |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - 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     | B- 3 year old    |           | 0     | 0        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main     | C- older 2's     |           | 0     | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main     | D- younger 2's   |           | 0     | 0        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main     | E- 18mth- 24 mth |           | 0     | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main     | F- 4 year old    |           | 0     | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main     | G- 4 year old    |           | 0     | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground               | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Playground 18 mth- 4 yrs | 28                   | C                     |

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 9, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on August 9, 2021. The exit conference was conducted virtually on August 9, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. with the Director. Permission to Operate issued on this date. Facility does carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/09/2021

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us/> 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.

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#### 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.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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.

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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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Meg McCleod, Program Official

Date

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Jennifer Salies, Consultant

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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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. Consultant observed no pool on site.

#### Facility

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Permission to Operate issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is 78 children.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children in the bathroom. Consultant observe no other hazards accessible on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there were three air conditioning units accessible to the children in route to the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fully enclose the air conditioning units with a four (4) foot barrier.

**Correction Deadline: 8/23/2021**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant observed a blue swing set not in use and the seats tied up as it did not meet the fall zone requirements. Further the Director stated that they received a grant and would be updating the playground. Consultant also discussed supervision on the playground as some equipment was not suitable for the toddlers. Staff will monitor children at all times ensuring that they are playing on the appropriate equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 8/19/2021**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**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.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Program only operating from 7:45 am through 11:45 am, no naps offered.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>Records Reviewed: 8</b> | <b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0</b> |
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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

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| Staff # 3                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2021 |     |
| Staff # 4                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2021 |     |
| Staff # 5                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2021 |     |
| Staff # 6                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2021 |     |
| Staff # 7                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2021 |     |
| Staff # 8                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2021 |     |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Eight (8) of eight (8) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

A supervision plan was created on this date for classrooms C, D, and E due to the diaper changing tables facing the wall. A supervision plan was also created for classrooms C, D, E, and G due the shape of the classroom, classrooms D and E for the hooks in the entry, and the route to the playground for classrooms F and G.

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.