



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 6/20/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:10 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

CCLC-970

Learning Safari Child Care and Learning Center
 55 Marshall Road Milledgeville, GA 31061 Baldwin County
 (478) 452-0555 Director@learningsafariga.com

Regional Consultant
 Christina Jennings
 Phone: (404) 463-0970
 Fax: (770) 342-3177
 christina.jennings@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address
 Same

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.
06/20/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
05/30/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
05/28/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap
Bldg 1	1st Right	Infants	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Bldg 1	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	2nd Right	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Bldg 1	3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Bldg 1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	4th Left(Back)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	23	C	33	C	Lunch
Bldg 1	4th Right	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	5th Right (back)	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	28	C	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Left		0	0	C	47	C	65	C	
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play
Bldg 2	Left side 1st Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Left side 2nd Right		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Bldg 2	Right side back		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Right side Front Room		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 102	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 269	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Back 3-12 yrs	75	C
Bldg 1	Left Front 2yr	36	C
Bldg 1	Right Back 1yr	13	C
Bldg 1	Right Front Infants	15	C

Comments

The Consultant reviewed the follow-up visit with the Assistant Director. The investigation was not closed on the site due to having to collect more information.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/07/2025

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.decgal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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



(Findings Report)

Date: 6/20/2025 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 11:10 AM Departure: 1:05 PM

CCLC-970
Learning Safari Child Care and Learning Center
55 Marshall Road Milledgeville, GA 31061 Baldwin County
(478) 452-0555 Director@learningsafariga.com

Regional Consultant
Christina Jennings
Phone: (404) 463-0970
Fax: (770) 342-3177
christina.jennings@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address
Same

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that two 1-year-old children and five 2-year-old children were served whole chicken nuggets and one half of a roll and was not cut into one-half inch or smaller pieces to prevent choking in the 1st Left Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was allowed to sleep in a bouncy seat and was not immediately transferred to a safety-approved crib while a staff member was feeding an infant in the 1st Right Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a staff member was not seated within an arm's length while three 2-year-old children were eating lunch while sitting on the floor beside a 2-year-old child in the back right corner of the 1st Left Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Recited on 6/20/2025