



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/23/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-2291

Little Reasons Learning Center

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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. 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.
07/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/08/2024	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
Main	1	Infants	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	31	C	Free Play
Main	5	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	22	C	25	C	36	C	Free Play
Main	6	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	7	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	8	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130

Total # Children this Date: 87

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back left Playground	68	C
Main	Back Right Playground	15	C
Main	Left Playground	31	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	11	27	23	13	5	30

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. Swimming was observed on this date.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2025

.25(11) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All rugs were tight fitting and smooth.

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 in classroom 6, there was an unlocked cabinet beneath the changing table that contained the following potential hazards:

- Two rolls of plastic trashbags
- Two boxes of vinyl gloves
- Two tubes of diaper rash ointment

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: 7/23/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2025

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The perimeter fence was replaced and measured 5 feet. Additionally, the pole was replaced on the left side of the fence closing the 5 1/2 inch gap.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. The consultant and the Director discussed resilient surfacing.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. The Consultant and staff discussed proper hand washing procedures using liquid soap and warm running water.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2025

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

591-1-1-.36(2) - The vehicle used for transportation was not on site on this date due to annual maintenance inspections required.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2025

.09(1)(c) -The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for all staff.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 5 with a hire date of April 15, 2025 was caring for four and five-year-olds in classroom five without the most recently issued determination letter ported electronically to the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. 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 ensure CRC rules are maintained. The staff member's satisfactory CRC was ported to the center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2025

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2025

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Comprehensive Records Check Determinations had been updated at least once every five years.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of staff person present in each classroom where children were present with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.