



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/6/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:10 AM Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-499

Little Treasures Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
11/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/08/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/06/2023	Complaint Closure	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	A	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B	Infants	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Free Play,Transitioning,Centers
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transiti oning,Art
Main	F	GA PreK	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Art ,Clean Up,Centers
Main	Pre k	GA PreK	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Free Play,Circle Time,Transitioni ng,Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Pre-K Modular	Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Clean Up,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Total # Children this Date: 90

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground infant/toddler	22	C
Main	Playground pre school	118	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	13	13	25	37	3	37

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this noted date by center.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure that brooms, and toilet bowl cleaners are kept away and inaccessible to children.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather of heavy rain and thunderstorm.

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Consultant observed Staff remind children to wash hands.

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

Consultant discussed with Provider proper medication documentation and procedures. Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure dates to be given are specific on authorization for medication form.

Policies and Procedures

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

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years.

Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure lockdown drills are conducted every six months.

Correction Deadline: 11/11/2024

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)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that cots in the following classrooms were accessible to the children.

Additionally, the cots were not stored in a way that allowed the children the maximum use of the play space:

Main A: One Year Olds

Main C: One Year Olds and Two Year Olds

Main D: Three Year Olds

Main E: Two Year Olds

Main F: GA PreK

Main G: Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds

Main PreK: Ga PreK

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2024

.09(1)(c) - Based on a review of records, all staff maintained a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2024

.09(1)(l)3. - Based on a review of records on this noted date, all staff maintained an updated and current Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file.

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

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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.