



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/31/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:35 AM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-72

Little Acres Child Care

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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.
10/31/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/12/2023	Initial-TA	N/A	
06/06/2023	Licensing Study	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	1 RT	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning
Bldg 1	1L	Infants	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Bldg 1	2 LF	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Bldg 1	2 RT	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Bldg 1	BK End	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Bldg 1	FAR BK RT	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg 2	1LF	GA PreK	2	18	C	36	C	NA	NA	Outside, Snack
Bldg 2	LB	GA PreK	2	22	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Bldg 2	RB	GA PreK	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time, Clean Up

Bldg 2	RF	GA PreK	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 139			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/31/2023

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.decga.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!

Carla Gravitt, Program Official

Date

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed 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

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.06 - Please ensure to monitor ceiling tiles and replace as needed.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., plastic grocery bags, brooms, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children.

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 the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Pre-K 2- BK Right - Two bottles Blue Lizard Sunscreen, Sensitive Mineral Sunscreen, Ultra Sheer Dry Touch Sunscreen, Studio Sunscreen, Cooperstone Sunscreen, and equate Sunscreen stored on the bottom shelf of a wooden storage cabinet located in front right side of the room.

- Pre-K 4: Rear right - A blue stapler stored on top of a Science shelf located in the front left rear of the class. Also, there was a stapler gun, letter opener, and blue pair of adult scissors stored on the second shelf of the a food cart located in back front left rear of the class.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN"

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: 10/31/2023

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

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2023

Corrected on 10/31/2023

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Changing tables were observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2023

Corrected on 10/31/2023

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed tornado drills completed and up to date on this date.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2023

Corrected on 10/31/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed to be complete on this date. The Consultant observed each child being marked off as they exited the vehicle.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure that each crib shall have a tight-fitting sheet on the mattresses.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Staff Records

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 review of records that staff member #7 date of hire July 26, 2023 and staff member # 16 date of hire September 1, 2023 did not submit both Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorize fingerprinting site .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

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. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #7 date of hire July 26, 2023 and staff member # 16 date of hire September 1, 2023 did not have satisfactory Comprehensive Record Determination on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 Director states the staff will not return to the center until a current and satisfactory Comprehensive Record Check is on file. The program's owner will view the A to Z Background Check Video. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

Recited on 10/31/2023

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 a staff member # 28 date of hire July 26, 2023, did not have evidence of their records check being electronically ported.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will [] to 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 to ensure CRC rules are maintained. The Director immediately ported staff in.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3) - Please ensure that each staff member with direct care responsibilities of children complete Health and Safety Orientation within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

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