



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/29/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 2:00 PM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-32822

Little Angels Pre-School & Child Care Center

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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.
11/29/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/25/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
05/04/2023	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
LAPS Learning Academy	Room A School Age		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
LAPS Learning Academy	Room B Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	34	C	Transitioning
LAPS Learning Academy	Room C Pre K	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 265							
Main	Room A - 1s	One Year Olds	1	12	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room B - 1s	One Year Olds	1	9	NC	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C	Infants	3	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room F	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	34	C	47	C	Snack
Main	Room G	Six Year Olds and Over	2	2	C	16	C	22	C	Transitioning
Main	Room H	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	21	C	24	C	33	C	Transitioning, Free Play, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 265							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
LAPS Learning Academy	LAPS Playground	35	C
Main	Playground A	31	C
Main	Playground B	25	C
Main	Playground C	61	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a formal Plan of Improvement follow up visit.

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.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

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!

Chanita Irvin, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that previous potential hazards had been removed to an area inaccessible to the children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. A fence had been placed around the housing for the electrical components.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.18(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed freezer temperatures to be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.10(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The changing pad in classroom A had been replaced.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.21(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed complete documentation for all drills including fire, tornado and other emergency situations.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.27 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center had posted names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence or the Center's current License or Permit.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.36(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed complete parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.36(7)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed complete emergency medical information maintained on the vehicles for each child transported.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.09(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had completed a comprehensive record check application to the department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had completed a comprehensive record check application to the department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 11/29/2023

.14(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed First Aid and CPR certificates for all staff present on vehicles during transportation.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that Classroom A housing one year old's had staff ratio of one staff to twelve children. Classroom B, also housing one year old's, was observed to have a ratio of one staff to nine children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

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