



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/3/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-885

La Petite Academy - Crooked Creek

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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.
03/03/2025	Monitoring Visit	Support	
07/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/31/2024	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
Main	A - 1R	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Main	B- 2R	One Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C - 3R	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Lunch
Main	D - 4R	GA PreK	2	13	C	23	C	32	C	Lunch
Main	E- Front Left		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- 2L		0	0	C	24	C	33	C	Not In Use
Main	G- Back Left	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	H- Middle		0	0	C	22	C	31	C	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 178				
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 178				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground-Back	32	C
Main	Playground-front left	25	C
Main	Playground-Right	114	C

Main	Playground-second left	21	C
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	14	13	11	9	11	16

Comments

A Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/17/2025

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.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:

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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. However, please ensure to monitor restrooms and diapering ventilation/fans for normal wear and tear, dust, etc. Also, monitor ceiling tiles/panels for stains, water damage and dust.

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)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/22/2024****Corrected on 3/3/2025**

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe any classrooms to have any hazardous items accessible to children during the day of the visit.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. However, please ensure to monitor the playground daily for items that could possibly pose a hazard in the future:

- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, cracked/broken toys/equipment, etc.).
- Excessive leaves, sweet gum tree balls, etc.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.

Health and Hygiene

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

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Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

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Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024****Corrected on 3/3/2025****.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed fire, tornado and other emergency situations to be conducted as required.****Safety****Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records the annual safety check for vehicle with tag #GGM707, was not available on today's visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of records three out of three children that are being transported did not have medical information records maintained in the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of records a check or other mark/symbol was not documented for the loading and unloading of children listed on the passenger transportation checklist for February 13-14, 2025, February 20-21, 2025, and February 26-28, 2025. Additionally, Gwinnett County Schools were closed February 13, 14, and 17, 2025, but it was not documented in writing on transportation forms that transportation was not provided due to schools being closed.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not document the first check of the vehicle (tag # GGM707) during the following dates:

Following morning transportation from North Metro and Stripling Elementary a first check of the vehicle was not conducted on the following dates:

- February 12, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- February 14, 2025
- February 18, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- February 20, 2025
- February 21, 2025

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Recited on 3/3/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that staff did not document the second check during transportation during the following dates:

Following afternoon transportation from North Metro and Stripling Elementary to the center a second check of the vehicle was not conducted on the following dates:

- February 11, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- February 14, 2025
- February 18, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- February 20, 2025
- February 21, 2025

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2025

Recited on 3/3/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Met

Comment

Director provided [eight] file(s) for employees hired since last visit. The consultant observed eight new staff members hired since the previous visit to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal background check on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2024

Corrected on 3/3/2025

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the previous cited staff member to have a current CRC. However, staff member #3 is no longer employed at this center.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2024

Corrected on 3/3/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the previous cited staff member #3 to have a current CRC. However, staff member #3 is no longer employed at this center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Corrected on 3/3/2025

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed previous cited staff member #11 to have evidence of current first aid and CPR training. The other two previous cited staff member are no longer employed at this center.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Corrected on 3/3/2025

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The previous cited staff member is no longer employed at this center.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records, staff member #1, date of hire September 9, 2024 and staff member #5, date of hire August 12, 2024 did not complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2025

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Corrected on 3/3/2025

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The previous cited staff member is no longer employed at this center.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.