



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/8/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:50 PM

Departure: 2:20 PM

CCLC-898

La Petite Academy - Panola

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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.
06/08/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/08/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	TA Follow Up	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-1st Right- 2 y/o	Infants	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B-2nd -Right-1-2 y/o	Two Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 3rd Right-Infant	One Year Olds	1	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-Bck-Rt- 4 y/o		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	Nap
Main	E- Back Lft- 4 y/o	Six Year Olds and Over	2	26	C	20	NC	28	C	Nap
Main	F-Center- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	22	C	30	C	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127

Total # Children this Date: 76

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	101	C
Main	Right Playground	18	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a POI/FU.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/08/2023

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tanya Beasley, 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-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observations that the 2nd right and the center classroom did not have adequate ventilation in the restrooms on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023

Recited on 6/8/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(2) allows a Center to designate two specific one hour periods each day when only 25 square feet of space per child is provided for children three years of age and older in their assigned rooms or areas. This provision is intended to account for increased attendance for before-school and after-school care. It was determined based upon observation that there were 26 children in Classroom E outside of their approved time period when the Center's License max capacity was 20.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the children to three years and older and will limit the time to the designated two hours in the approved rooms. The Center will submit a new request for approval before changing the approved hours or rooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023**Corrected on 6/8/2023****.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe hazards accessible to children on this date.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023****Corrected on 6/8/2023****.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the fencing to be fully enclosed on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023****Corrected on 6/8/2023****.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the outdoor equipment to be maintained and free of hazards on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023****Corrected on 6/8/2023****.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the playground to be free of litter and hazards on this date.**

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 upon the Consultant's observation that a ratio of 1:12 was observed in Classroom B when the required ratio is 1:10.

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.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023**Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023****Corrected on 6/8/2023****.32(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed proper child ratios in mixed age groups on this date.**