



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/10/2026 VisitType: MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:15 AM Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-889

La Petite Academy - Highway 138

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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.
08/10/2026	MV POI Follow Up	Support	
07/21/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	
06/04/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1st Right	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Diapering
Main	Back Left	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Back Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 44

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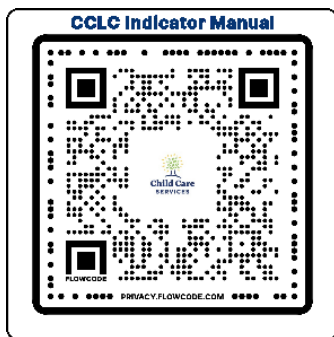
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	74	C
Main	Back Playground	74	C
Main	Right Front Playground	16	C

Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Guillermina Juarez.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/24/2026



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.decal.ga.gov>.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed repairing the crack on the back of the shelf in classroom Back Left.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2026

Corrected on 8/10/2026

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the ventilation in classroom 1st Left was observed operable.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children in classroom Middle.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Classroom Middle

- Chipping paint in the back window seals.

Classroom Back Right

- Chipping paint in the back right and left window seals.

- Chipping paint observed on the wood around the mirror.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2026

Corrected on 8/10/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the fencing along the right side of the Front Right Playground and the Back Playground were observed secured.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Corrected on 8/10/2026

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the blue railing was observed repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure replacing the rust swings chains on the Back Playground. Please ensure replacing the rust metal connectors and bucket swings chains on the Right Front Playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Please ensure that infants with neck control wash their hands at the sink after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(b) requires the Director of a Center responsible for its day-to-day operations to have completed a 40-hour director's training course that has been approved by the Department. At a minimum, the subject matter taught at a Director's training course shall cover the areas of administrator competencies that serve as a framework for professional development, which include, but are not limited to, early learning standards, business management, communication, developmentally appropriate practices, professional and leadership development, and advocacy for the Center, Parents, children and Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 4 did not complete the minimum 40-hour director's training as required as of this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2026

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Field trip documentation was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - Please ensure that the fire extinguisher is maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - Please ensure that 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2026

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 a review of records that there was no evidence that a second check of the vehicle was conducted upon arrival at the Stevie B's Pizza Buffet or upon return to LaPetite Academy on July 15, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on observation that a child was observed sleeping on the floor in classroom Middle on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.16(b)-40 Hr. Director Training Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****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 Staff # 7 hired on August 15, 2025 did not have the most recently issued determination letter ported electronically prior to being present at the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on observation that Staff # 5 hired on May 20, 2026 and Staff # 9 hired on May 20, 2026, did not obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation that Staff # 3 hired on August 4, 2025, was observed alone in classroom 2nd Right did not have a current and valid first aid and CPR on this date. It was determined based on observation that Staff # 1 hired on May 12, 2025, was observed alone in classroom 1st Right did not have a current and valid first aid and CPR on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on observation that the following items were missing in both vehicles first aid kits:

Tweezers, thermometer, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, antiseptic cleansing solution, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, first aid manual and a cold pack.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2026

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

Met

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2026

Corrected on 8/10/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff members were observed sitting within arms length of children 36 months and younger during lunch time.