



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-493

Little People's Corner Day Care

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
08/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/07/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/14/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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	#1- Right Hall- 1st Right Blue Door Infant	Infants	3	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	#10 Private Pre-k Yellow Door		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	#11 Lunch Room		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	#12- Downstairs Right Blue Door SA		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	#14 Downstairs Left Green Door Pre-k	GA PreK	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#2- Left Hall -1st Left red door Toddler	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	#3- Left Hall 2nd Left Yellow Door Two-Three's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#4- Left Hall- 3rd Left Orange Door Three's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#5- Left Hall- 3rd Right Green Door Two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#6- Left Hall- 2nd Right Purple door Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#7- Left Hall 1st Right Blue Door Three's	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	#8- Back Hall- Left Purple Door Pre-k	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers

Main	#9- Back Hall Right-Blue Door Pre-k	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 107		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground- Front Covered	3	C
Main	Playground- Front Playground End Uncovered	14	C
Main	Playground- Left Side Front Middle Covered	8	C
Main	Playground- Left Side Middle	97	C
Main	Playground- Right Side	317	C
Main	Playground- Trike Path	51	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/16/2024

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.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 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

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was no resilient surface under the black metal climbing structure. This structure is not in use at this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

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

Bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Discussed proper steps for dishwashing.

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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: 7/19/2024

Corrected on 8/16/2024

.21(1)(a-o) - The previous citation of no parent notification for an incident has been corrected in that it was confirmed that management has had a staff meeting regarding the duty of classroom staff filling out incident forms and notifying management. Management will then notify the parents.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/7/2024

Corrected on 8/16/2024

.11(2) - The previous citation of inappropriate discipline was observed to be corrected in that no inappropriate discipline was observed and management confirmed they do teacher observations.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Defer
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Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- The previous citation of lack of 2023 annual training hours was deferred and will be reviewed at the first visit in 2025, where 2024 training will be reviewed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/7/2024

Corrected on 8/16/2024

.31(13) - The past citation was observed to be corrected on this date in that the management has had staff meetings regarding everyone's responsibilities of ensuring they are abiding by all laws and if they hear of a staff member that is not they are to tell management.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on a review of records that in Room #4 there were five two-year-old children with three three-year-old children; and in Room #9 there were two two-year-old children with seven three-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

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

Met

Comment

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