



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 5/25/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:45 AM    **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-493**

**Little People's Corner Day Care**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/17/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/13/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

<b>Building</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>NC/C</b>	<b>Max 35 SF.</b>	<b>35 SF. Comp.</b>	<b>Max 25 SF.</b>	<b>25 SF. Comp.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Main	#1- Right Hall- 1st Right Blue Door Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	3	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	#10 Private Pre-k Yellow Door		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	#11 Lunch Room		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	#12- Downstairs Right Blue Door SA		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
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	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	#3- Left Hall 2nd Left Yellow Door Two-Three's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#4- Left Hall- 3rd Left Orange Door Three's	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#5- Left Hall- 3rd Right Green Door Two's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#6- Left Hall- 2nd Right Purple door Toddlers	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#7- Left Hall 1st Right Blue Door Three's	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Main	#8- Back Hall- Left Purple Door Pre-k	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	#9- Back Hall Right- Blue Door Pre-k	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 125			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 the visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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/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.

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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](http://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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Frankie Coker, Program Official

Date

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Sharnette Glenn, Regional Consultant

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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-.03 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure the lesson plans are posted with the current date and the GELDS.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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**

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

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure they do a playground check everyday to ensure that the playground equipment is free of rust and chipped paint.

**Correction Deadline: 6/4/2023**

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**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on review of medication records that the record to dispense Albuterol inhaler for May 25, 2023 was not completed in its entirety. The dispense record only documented the medication to be given on May 22, 2023 and May 24, 2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Please ensure that the cribs are a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment and a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(2) - The consultant discussed with the provider to make sure these items are not placed in the crib with infant toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors, and mobiles.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that in the infant room, two infants were observed sleeping in the swings for five minutes. It was further observed in the infant classroom that an infant was sleeping in a bouncer inside a crib for five minutes.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

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**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based upon a review of records and interview that staff # 22 did not have a Comprehensive Record Check application on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based upon a review of records and interview that staff # 22 Comprehensive Record Determination expired 3-22-2023. Provider stated that she didn't know that it had expired.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The center will submit the required criminal record check application to ensure that every actual and potential director, employee and provisional employee of a child care learning center has a comprehensive criminal record check determination letter on file. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of staff files, that staff member #32 did not have the evidence of the required ten hours of annual training for the year of 2022.

**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: 6/24/2023**

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Met

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.