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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/8/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:50 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-39492

Little Scholars Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/08/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/14/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B - 1L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	C - 2R		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - 3R	Three Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	NC	8	NC	11	NC	TV,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61					
Suite A	1st Left		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Suite A	Back Center		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Suite A	Entrance		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61					
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left	37	C
Main	B - Right	34	C

Comments

An in-person complaint investigation was conducted on July 08, 2022 with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/08/2022

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



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!

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)

Tameka Sims, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 7/8/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that children's files have the parent's work address, the parent's work number and the child's primary source of health care as required.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that there were 21 children being cared for in 35 square feet of usable space per child that measured for only eight children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2022

Corrected on 7/8/2022

.25(11) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the carpet to the floor in the Main B - 1L classroom had been secured.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 7/8/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that there were no plastic bags stored on the diaper change unit accessible to children. Suite A - Back Center was not open. The bottle of sodium chloride was removed from the cupboard under the sink in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 7/8/2022

.25(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the chipped paint on the left side of the wall in the Main A - 1R classroom had been painted. The chipped paint at low level on the right side of the wall when you enter the classroom had also been painted.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 7/8/2022

.25(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that all unused electrical outlets within children's reach had been covered with protective caps.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the correct Staff:child ratios in a mixed age group was not maintained. There were 11 three-year-old children, and 10 children in the after-school program, with one staff member present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that the children in the A 1R and the D - 3R classrooms were without the appropriate number of Staff members physically present in the area where children were being cared for.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022