



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 4/26/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

**CCLC-29222**

**Little Prodigies Child Development Center**

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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.
04/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/20/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/07/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	1L	Infants	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Transitioning, Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	1R	One Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	2R	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	3R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	20	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Diapering
Main	4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	35	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 65			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A 6wks- 2 years	32	C
Main	Playground B 3-5 years	35	C

### Comments

The Consultant completed the exit conference via telephone and a copy of the monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/26/2022

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](mailto: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](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.'

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)

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Jessi Thompson, Program Official

Date

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Kelly Jones, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

**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.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the laundry room door and the kitchen and storage doors were unlocked and accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute by the green swings on playground.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed with the director to monitor and maintain sunshade from wear and tear and ensure it is in good repair.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff in classroom 3R did not wash hands or change gloves in between each diaper change.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Safety**

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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-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****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)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Consultant discussed with the director to monitor the mats for wear and tear to ensure they are in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 33**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/10/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 11/15/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2020	
Staff # 10	Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 06/13/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/24/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/18/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 11/05/2021	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 11/26/2019	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 12/13/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/21/2021	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/06/2021	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 11/09/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 10/28/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/11/2021	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 05/12/2021	Met

**Records Reviewed: 33****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 27 Not Met  
 Date of Hire: 10/13/2014  
"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
 .31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 28 Met  
 Date of Hire: 03/28/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 29 Met  
 Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 30 Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/18/2020

Staff # 31 Met  
 Date of Hire: 04/08/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 32 Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/18/2021

Staff # 33 Met  
 Date of Hire: 11/10/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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

**Comment**

33 of 33 Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 12 file(s) for employees hired since last visit 10/20/2021.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 10 ,hire date 11/1/2021 does not have evidence of completing the required CPR/first aid training on file on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**



**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of documentation that there was no evidence that the Director possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2021**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.