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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/21/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 12:45 PM

CCLC-487

Little Dreamer's Academy

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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.
05/21/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/22/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
12/04/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	1L 2 years	One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	1R 4 year olds	PreK	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Building 1	2L Infants	Infants	8	2	C	27	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Building 1	2R 2-3 years	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	3L 1 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	Dining		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	Middle left 1-2 year olds		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	Middle right	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Building 2	1L School Age		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	1R 4-5 years old		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Total # Children this Date: 53

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Playground A infants /twos	42	C
Building 1	Playground B	79	C
Building 2	Playground C	60	C
Building 2	Playground D-small left side	5	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 21, 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. The new feeding plan was shared with the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decal.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decals.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decals.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Amy Grant, Program Official

Date

Mandi Sloan, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.08(2)-The previous citation was deferred on this date. Immunization records will be reviewed upon the program's next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will have and use a plan to track immunization forms for all enrolled children and to ensure the form or affidavit are obtained from the parent or guardian within 30 days of enrollment. Parents will be informed their child cannot remain enrolled in the center without this documentation.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2021

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The physical plant appeared to be clean and in good repair upon virtual walk through.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Playground appeared to be clean and in good repair upon virtual walk through.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - The consultant discussed with the provider the new rules and regulations for food safety and nutrition per the guidelines that went into effect on October 1, 2020.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.29 - The consultant discussed the new required reporting requirements with the provider on this date.

Safety

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2003

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 10/29/2019

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2021

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

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2019

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/01/2003	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/21/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/20/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing	Not Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/30/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/11/2009	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/30/2012	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/01/2005	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/18/2006	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 11/05/2018 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 09/04/2020	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 03/12/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 11/04/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 03/04/2019	Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit conducted on December 4, 2020.

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 the following staff had not satisfactorily obtained certification in first aid and CPR:

- Staff member # 3 with a documented date of hire of February 22, 2019
- Staff member # 9 with a documented date of hire of February 20, 2020
- Staff member #15 with a documented date of hire of November 5, 2018
- Staff member #18 with a documented date of hire of March 4, 2019
- Staff member # 20 with a documented date of hire of September 2, 2016

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: 6/20/2021

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2021

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.

