



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Cover Sheet

Date: 12/15/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-487

Little Dreamer's Academy

176 Finis Springs Drive Cornelia, GA 30531 Habersham County
 (706) 894-2606 amygrant@myemc.net

Regional Consultant

Mandi Sloan

Phone: (770) 357-5097

Fax: (770) 357-5098

mandi.sloan@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 994
 Cornelia, GA 30531

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.
12/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/01/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
05/21/2021	Licensing Study	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	Nap
Building 1	1R 4 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	2L Infants	Infants	3	8	C	27	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Building 1	2R 2-3 years	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	3L 1 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Dining		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	Middle left 1-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Middle right	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
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	GA PreK	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Story
Building 2	1R 4-5 years old	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 105			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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date.



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

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.dec.state.ga.us/>
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 12/15/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-487

Little Dreamer's Academy

176 Finis Springs Drive Cornelia, GA 30531 Habersham County
(706) 894-2606 amygrant@myemc.net

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 994
Cornelia, GA 30531

Regional Consultant

Mandi Sloan

Phone: (770) 357-5097

Fax: (770) 357-5098

mandi.sloan@dec.al.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2021

Corrected on 12/15/2021

.08(2) - The previous citation was corrected as this date as five immunization records reviewed were observed to be complete. Further, the consultant observed a score off 100 percent on the program's July 2021 immunization review from the health department.

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.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2021

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 02/22/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/29/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 01/01/2003	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/09/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/01/2003	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/21/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/20/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/16/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/09/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/15/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 11/16/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 11/16/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 04/30/2012	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 02/01/2005	Met
Staff # 18	Met

Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 10/18/2006

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2021

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

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2021

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

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2018

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine file(s) for employees hired since the last visit conducted on May 21, 2021.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/20/2021****Corrected on 12/15/2021****.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as CPR and First Aid records were observed to be complete for staff who are beyond their first 90 days of employment.****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.