



**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:** 3/3/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:45 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-3645**

**The Little School of Savannah Country Day**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<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.
03/03/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/09/2022	Licensing Study	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>
Childcare Building 2	1st Left-Room 1	One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Childcare Building 2	1st Right- Room 2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Childcare Building 2	2nd Left-Room 3	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Childcare Building 2	2nd Right- Room 4	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
The Little School Childcare	1	Infants	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
The Little School Childcare	2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story

The Little School Childcare	3	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
The Little School Childcare	4	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
The Little School Childcare	5	One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
The Little School Childcare	6	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
The Little School Childcare	7	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
The Little School Childcare	8	One Year Olds	2	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 105

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
The Little School Childcare	1, Toddler	21	C
The Little School Childcare	Preschool	108	C

**Comments**

This is the second visit of the fiscal year.

Program does not provide transportation, swimming, or medication.

Program is currently a three star Quality Rated program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/03/2023

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.



**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)

**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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Pamela Connor, Program Official

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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**

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

**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**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**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 metal cabinet in the bathroom in room 7 was not locked and had cleaning supplies and a staff members bag within reach of the children and that the drawers in room 3 of building 2 were not locked and there were office supplies within reach of 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: 3/3/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate exiting the main playground was left opened for an undetermined amount of time while children were present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2023**

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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)**

**Not 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 a staff member did not wash their hands after cleaning the changing table with disinfectant.

**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: 3/3/2023**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.30(4) - Discussed with Director and staff about ensuring cots are covered.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2023**

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit. Criminal records checks were complete on this date.

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.