



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/16/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:50 AM    **Departure:** 5:00 PM

**CCLC-258**

**Little Ones Learning Center**

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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.
06/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/06/2022	Complaint Closure	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
1st Rear	GA Pre K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246							
Baby House	Bldg 2		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 14			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246							
Front	Rm #10 3L	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	28	C	Outside
Front	Rm 4		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Front	Rm 5	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Front	Rm 6 Cafe		0	0	C	17	C	24	C	
Front	Rm 7 Front Building	Infants	1	5	C	14	C	19	C	Floor Play
Front	Rm 8	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	28	C	Outside
Front	Room 9	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	14	C	20	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246							
School age bldg	#11 Front	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	21	C	30	C	Free Play
School age bldg	#12 Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	29	C	40	C	Free Play

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246
Total # Children this Date: 75	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
School age bldg	Basketball Court	27	C
School age bldg	Pre-K	107	C
School age bldg	Preschool	84	C
School age bldg	Toddler	37	C

#### Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/16/2023

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/RuleAndRegulations.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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Yewande Okunoren-Meadows, 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that current lesson plans are available in all rooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023

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

Met

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-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that all exhausts in the bathrooms are operating and pulling the air in.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2023

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Two of the playgrounds were not in use and being under maintenance. Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurements that the swings on the Preschool playground was positioned in a circle and the fall zones were overlapping and equipment was not nine feet apart. Additionally, it was determined that the fall zones did not extend sufficiently in the front and back. A handout with the fall zones requirements was provided.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023**

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**Food Service**

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that Infant Feeding Plans are available and posted in the Infant room for all children under 12 months.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that the exhausts in the Infant and one year old room in the Front Building were not operating as they were not pulling the air in.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that one crib was manufactured in 2007 and four cribs did not have any manufacturer dates nor verification of compliance with current safety requirements as of June 2011. Two of the noncompliant cribs were in use and all were located in the Infant room. There were no injuries.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023**

**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(e) requires that no actual or potential Director, Employee or Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center with an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination may be present at a Center when any child is present for care or reside at a Center. It was determined based on review of records that Staff # 10 , hired on March 15, 2023, had a Satisfactory Background Check Determination that expired on May 23, 2022. Staff received a Unsatisfactory 21 Day Background Check determination on February 24, 2023. Staff was present on the day of the visit caring for children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that no actual or potential Director, Employee or Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center with an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is present at the Center when any child is present for care or reside at a Center. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023****Comment**

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.