



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

**Date:** 8/4/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-32822**

**Little Angels Pre-School & Child Care 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.
08/04/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/26/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/26/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Main	Room A - 1s		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - 1s		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F		0	0	C	34	C	47	C	
Main	Room G		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	
Main	Room H		0	0	C	24	C	33	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 179				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 179				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	31	C
Main	Playground B	25	C
Main	Playground C	61	C

**Comments**

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on August 4, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 11, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director and a signature obtained after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk-through visit. The annual review was completed on August 23, 2022, and a copy of the was emailed to the provider on this day.

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 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)

Chanita Irvin, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, Consultant

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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There was a vinyl chair in classroom E and a vinyl chair and sofa in classroom H that had tears in the seams exposing foam. Additionally, in classroom B there were two tables that had blocks taped to the legs to add height. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions. The director repaired the vinyl furniture during the visit and stated the tables would be removed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022**

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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There was a tear in the paint on the left entrance wall of classroom H and the back wall of classroom G. Additionally, the ceiling in classroom C had water damage. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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On playground A there was a hole greater than three and one-half inches in the back fence. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that 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.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**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**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements for temporary closures.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children in attendance on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**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.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 24**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2012	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/20/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/11/2015	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/09/2011	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2022	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2022	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/20/2022	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 02/25/2022	
Staff # 15	Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 16	Met

**Records Reviewed: 24**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Date of Hire: 03/28/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2022

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

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/14/2018

Staff # 22 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 12/30/2016

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #2, 4, 15, 20, and 22 did not meet minimum academic requirements.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022**

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Comment**

There were no children in attendance on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Comment**

There were no children in attendance on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2022**

**Corrected on 8/4/2022**

**.17(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The director had conducted an in-service training day to review the procedures for bathroom accidents and keeping children clean, dry and comfortable.**