



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

Date: 10/29/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-32822

Little Angels Pre-School & Child Care Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/29/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/17/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/30/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room B - 1s	One Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room C	Infants and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room D	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room E	Infants	1	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F	GA PreK	2	18	C	34	C	47	C	Field Trip
Main	Room G	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	23	C	Outside
Main	Room H		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 177				
Total # Children this Date: 94			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 177				

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

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 28, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 29, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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 1/2 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:

Activities and Equipment

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.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. The consultant discussed with the director that the daily sign in and sign out sheets from the week of October 18, 2021 to October 22, 2021 were missing seventeen (17) sign out signatures and that a process be put in place to ensure that parents sign out their child everyday.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grass on the playground appeared to be well maintained. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Procedures and sanitation regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Director 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-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tight fitting sheets, SIDS, and infant sleeping position were discussed with the Director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that cots were not covered in the one-year-old classroom, labeled classroom E to prevent exposure to contamination.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 24****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 04/01/2012	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/20/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/20/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/19/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/10/2020	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/19/2021	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 05/11/2015	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/05/2017	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/09/2011	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/16/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 02/18/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/01/2019	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/19/2020

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 09/14/2018

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 12/30/2016

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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)

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

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