PARENT POLICY and INFORMATION HANDBOOK 2025



"...Where kids learn to shine!"

www.LittleLites.org

775-229-2675

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Center Director – Joni Locke Co-Director – Danielle Sparks Infant-Toddler Director – Addie Goings

..."Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16





Welcome to Little Lites!

Little Lites is a Christian learning center where your child will learn to shine! Daily, we plan and prepare our developmentally appropriate curriculum to engage your child physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

A typical day here includes outdoor activities such as climbing, riding bikes, ball play, obstacle courses, and group games. We provide intellectual challenges, giving opportunity for children to build, solve problems, learn to sequence (shapes, colors, sizes,) discover patterns, and to display creativity with arts and crafts.

The heartbeat of our day revolves around developing emotional and social skills. We create a safe, accepting, and loving environment, while encouraging taking personal responsibility, respecting others, and using polite, kind words so everyone has a happy day. Spiritually, we teach children of God's love for them, through Bible memory, stories, prayer and songs. Our very creative staff is always introducing new activities. Our desire is to appropriately challenge our kids so they can master skills, which provide the building blocks for a love of life-long learning.

We are privileged to care for your child, and we understand that open and ongoing communication is vital. We're happy to send you pictures and updates of your child's progress throughout the day as you request.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact me via call or text at 775-229-2675.

Blessings to you-

Joni Locke

Little Lites Director

contact@LittleLites.org

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Little Lites Tuition and Fees 2025

New student registration: \$100

Semester Supply Fee: \$100 (\$225 semester cap)

1st Monday in March -applies to students enrolled in March and April

1st Monday in September - applies to students enrolled in Sept and Oct

Drop-In: 3-6 years old: \$53 full day
Drop-In: 2yrs / non-potty trained 3yrs: \$63 full day
Drop-In: Infant to 24 months: \$73 full day

THREE to SIX YEAR OLDS

5 Full Days: \$240/week 5 Half Days: \$195/week 4 Full Days: \$225/week 4 Half Days: \$170/week 3 Full Days: \$195/week 3 Half Days: \$155/week

All students must be potty trained by their 4th birthday.

TWO-YEAR OLDS & Non-Potty Trained 3 YEAR OLDS

5 Full Days: \$270/week 4 Full Days: \$250/week

INFANTS TO 24 MONTHS:

5 Full Days: \$295/week 4 Full Days: \$260/week

- Current prices for 2025; if you are eligible for a price change due to age/toilet training, new pricing may be reviewed upon your request.
- Child must be fully potty trained by fourth birthday to advance in our program. No exceptions.
- Any schedule that is not set and preapproved will be considered at drop-in conditions and rates.
- All preschool and pre-kindergarten students must be dropped off no later than 9:30 a.m. to allow each child to acclimate to the school day before the onset of naptime. All infant/toddler students must be dropped off by 9:30 a.m.
- Adding an extra day to your schedule (drop in) when needed will only be available as space permits.
- Two weeks' notice of a change of schedule and vacation is required.

• Complete weekly tuition is due by Friday for upcoming week.

Little Lites Christian Academics, Enrichment, and Inclusivity

Our mission is to provide a faith-based, fun, and hands-on curriculum to fully prepare students, ages birth to 6 years for their next stage: academically, socially, cognitively, and spiritually. Each student undergoes an Ages and Stages Questionnaire with our highly qualified staff in order to accurately place students. Our hope is that your student will be able to start Kindergarten at the top of their class.

Lead teachers at Little Lites develop their class curriculum based on our center-wide monthly themed calendar. Each month we work on a bible verse. Each week we present and teach a different letter, shape, color, and number. Daily, teachers work on fine motor and gross motor development and songs. Parents are encouraged to take a calendar each month to review and discuss with their child, what they are learning about. Parents can view the weekly curriculum in each classroom.

Facility Staff Training

All Little Lites staff are trained in pediatric CPR and First Aid, which is renewed every two years. All staff go through a background check and TB test. All Little Lites staff complete at least 24 hours of Nevada Registry approved continuing education per year. In addition, our staff also completes the following initial classes: Signs and Symptoms of Illness with Bloodborne Pathogens, Recognizing and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Child Development, Lifelong Wellness, Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome, Building and Physical Premises Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Medication Administration and Food Allergies.

Hours of Operation

Little Lites Christian Learning Center is open weekdays from 7a.m.-5:30pm. Our half-day hours are from 7a.m.-12:15p.m. Anything over these hours is considered full day. Early Ed., preschool & prekindergarten learning time is from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Tuition Payment

All tuition payments will be processed by Automated Recurring Billing (ARB). Contracted parent by ARB will be responsible for tuition payments.

All payments are due by Friday for the upcoming week's attendance.

- -Declined payments will result in a \$25.00 fee.
- -Accounts not paid by 2pm on Friday will result in a \$25.00 fee.
- -If payment in full is not received by Sunday, your child will not be eligible to attend the upcoming week until payment is received and/or you may risk termination of childcare.

LATE PICK UP: It is expected that all half-day students will be picked up by 12:15pm and full day students by 5:30pm. Late parents will be charged a cash late fee of \$5/minute. This applies to both half-day and full day schedules.

Cancellation of Services

A two-week cancellation notice is required for any child on a full- or part-time schedule. Tuition is due during the two-week cancellation period regardless of whether or not the student is attending. We are unable to refund tuition payments in the event of a cancellation of services.

Holiday and Sick Days

Little Lites does not offer discounts, refunds, or credits to your tuition account for holidays and sick days. Standard tuition is due each week whether your child missed school during their established schedule due to sickness and/or holidays. Our 2025 holidays are:

- New Year's Day- Wednesday, January 1st
- President's Day- Monday, February 17th
- Memorial Day- Monday, May 26th
- Fourth of July- Friday, July 4th
- Labor Day- Monday, September 1st
- Nevada Day-Friday, October 31st
- Thanksgiving & Family Day- Thursday/Friday 27th & 28th
 - We will close early Wednesday, November 26th @4pm
- Christmas Eve and after Christmas 24th, 25th, and 26th
- New Year's Day 2026- Thursday, January 1st

Enrollment Requirements

We require the registration fee and the first week of tuition to enroll. The signed and completed registration packet is required to drop your child(ren) off for their first day of care with us.

Transportation Policy & Field Trips

Little Lites does not provide transportation. Little Lites does not host field trips off-site.

Emergency Evacuation

Little Lites has two evacuation sites (near site, and far site). The near site is the first row of parking lot lines. The far site is the fence at the far end of the parking lot. Children who are able to walk, will evacuate safely by walking on a rope with their teacher(s) and lining up on their line outside. Non-mobile children will be safely placed in portable cribs and evacuated by their teachers outside. Their teacher(s) will do multiple attendance counts during and after evacuation. Center directors will do a final attendance count.

Emergency Drills

Little Lites conducts monthly fire drills, and quarterly disaster drills.

Special Needs

Little Lites Facility is not equipped to care for children with special needs. IEP must be reviewed prior to enrollment.

Snow Days and Weather

Little Lites does **NOT** follow Washoe County School District closure procedures for snow days or delays. When Washoe County School District closes school due to inclement weather, Little Lites will be on a two-hour delay. We will open at 9am and allow drop offs until 11am. Our hours will **NOT** be affected by WCSD for snow delays or closures for smoke. To check for closure info, visit the WCSD website at **www.washoeschools.net**. Our Facebook, Instagram and website will be updated as soon as possible to inform of delays and closures.

Please dress your student with appropriate shoes and outerwear. All children will be playing outside daily unless it is actively snowing, raining, excessively hot, or if the air quality index recommends staying indoors.

Medications

All medications needing to be administered during preschool hours must be labeled and in their original container. All medication must be accompanied by written instructions from a doctor (prescription label is sufficient). Dosage instructions on the label will be adhered to, unless otherwise instructed by the doctor, on the prescription or on physician's letterhead. Due to the risk of an allergic reaction or onset of fever, if a child starts on any new medications & OR receives vaccines, they must remain home the following day.

Returning to Care After Vaccines

Due to the risk of a reaction or onset of fever, if a child receives vaccines, they must remain home the following day. We suggest scheduling vaccines on the last day of care during the week.

Accidents and Emergency Medical Treatment

Parents are required to sign an emergency release form for each child. Parents are responsible for keeping all emergency records up to date. In the case of a minor accident, a Little Lites employee will administer first aid, according to the employee's training and expertise. Little Lites will contact a parent immediately by call or text.

In the case of a serious accident, or the need for emergency medical treatment, Little Lites will abide by the following procedures:

- 1. Administer first aid (if possible)
- 2. Call 911
- 3. Call an ambulance to transport the child to the emergency room
- 4. Stay with the injured child until the parent or appointed contact person arrives.

In all cases of accident or injury, a Little Lites employee will contact and report to parent. Upon request a written report can be given.

Health

We strive to maintain a clean and healthy environment for our students and staff. To do so, children with obvious symptoms of illness will be sent home. If a child becomes ill at Little Lites, a parent or contact person will be called to pick up the student within 60 minutes. Parents or contact person are expected to return communication within 15 minutes of initial contact. Please keep these contacts current as any child not picked up within what Little Lites deems a reasonable time frame will not be allowed to return to the program.

After an illness, a full day of recovery at home without **ANY** of the following symptoms is necessary for a student to return to school:

-sore throat

-chicken pox

-undiagnosed rash

-vomiting (even once)

-pink eye/conjunctivitis

-excessive coughing

-diarrhea

-axillary fever >100, temporal fever >101

-illness related blisters on face,

hands, &/or feet

All students must have a wellness check conducted by a physician. Students must also be up-to-date on their immunizations or have an appropriate waiver on file. Waivers are required to be updated annually.

Behavior Guidance and Discipline

At Little Lites we will enhance a child's behavior with positive guidance, redirection, and the setting of clear boundaries. We believe that children engaged in activities and learning, will gain confidence and learn healthy social and emotional interactions.

When a child behaves in a way that is harmful to him/herself, another student, or teacher, a caregiver will intervene with a solution. This may include a "time-in" where the student may not interact with the other children but only with the instructor, or simply a positive redirection.

Under no circumstances will a child be spanked, excluded in an unsupervised room, ridiculed, or chastised for his/her behavior. If you see or witness a situation that you do not understand, please contact the director immediately.

Introductory Attendance & Your Child's Adjustment

We know starting care or changing to a new facility can be challenging for children. In order to ensure that we are a great fit for your family we offer an introductory attendance period for you to try us out and us to help your student adjust. If at any time we find we are not the best fit for your family, we reserve the right to dismiss a student. Reasons for dismissal could be excessive violence or anger, unwillingness to comply with school rules, etc.

Little Lites takes steps to help with children's and families' adjustment to being in care. We provide text updates to parents and believe communication and partnership is very important. Teachers will positively redirect to favorite toys or activities if separation anxiety is displayed at drop-off. We encourage parents to develop a goodbye routine in class when they drop-off and discourage parents from leaving without their child knowing/seeing. For more individual adjustment concerns we will communicate and partner with families to find solutions.

Visitation and Custody

Little Lites gives either or both parents the right to observe the program and facility, before enrollment and at any time after the enrollment of the child. If there is a custody or visitation policy set by the courts a copy of the orders must be up-to-date and on file in order to enforce them.

Parent Involvement

Parents can observe the program their child is participating in and participate in programing activities. Little Lites welcomes parents to observe and/or participate during operating hours. We ask that you please be respectful of other children sleeping if you arrive during nap periods. Please refrain from being on a phone call in the classroom.

Communication

We understand that your student is of utmost concern for you and we hope and encourage communication between you, our staff and our administration. Our director is available to answer questions and address concerns, and our staff is equipped to answer most questions. Please direct your communication via phone to 775-229-2675, or email when possible to: contact@LittleLites.org
This is in addition to communicating in person with our teachers. This ensures the proper follow up procedures are met and guarantees a better response time. Also, you can follow us on Facebook for updates on events and school activities.

Attendance/Sign In/Sign Out Procedures

It is a Washoe County and Little Lites policy that each child be signed in and delivered to the teacher with some form of communication. Never drop your student at the front doors of the building or in the lobby. Little Lites is not responsible for your child until the teacher knows your student is in his/her care.

At pick up time, please sign out your child and take them by the hand. This "hand-to-hand" policy states the parent/person picking up the child is now responsible for the child. Failure to comply with sign in/sign out procedures could result in termination of services.

Celebration Foods

In accordance with Washoe County Health Department regulations, any treats you bring must be store-bought and in individual packaging (e.g. cracker jacks, mini-muffins, cookies, etc.). If you choose to bring items from a bakery, you must bring them directly from the store to the school.

Meals and Snacks

Each lunch should come with a cold pack. All food should come prepared and ready to eat (ie: cut to size, or in container ready to heat).

Morning only students: Parent/guardian will provide two (2) healthy morning snacks and a healthy cold lunch each day. If your child arrives before 7:30 a.m., you may send a prepared breakfast with your student.

Full-Day students: Parent/guardian will provide two (2) healthy morning snacks, a cold lunch and (2) healthy afternoon snack. If your child arrives before 7:30 a.m., you may send a prepared breakfast with your student.

Please label snacks & all lunch boxes & containers with your student's name.

Per Washoe County Health Department regulations, Little Lites staff may heat food you send for your child's consumption, although Little Lites is not held to the food safety standard of heating food to 165. Additionally, all snacks and foods should be healthy as our focus is to maintain an academic setting throughout the day. A small treat for after lunch is fine but please do not send your student with soda.

Bottles and Pacifiers

Bottles and pacifiers must be labeled with child's name. Bottles must be labeled with the date the milk/formula is prepared. Pacifiers should come on a clothing clip for the child. Bottle feedings will be recorded on infant and toddler daily reports for parents to know the time and amount of milk/formula their child had. Dirty bottles are to be taken home each day and cleaned and sanitized by parents. Please bring enough empty or prepared bottles for each feeding daily. Frozen or liquid milk (or prepared formula) must come in an insulated container with ice pack.

NEED NAME LABELS?

- 1. Visit www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com
- 2. Search for "Little Lites"
- 3. Shop and your order will ship directly to you 20% of sales will support Little Lites! Thank you!

Toilet Training and Clothing

Little Lites employees will assist in toilet training as much as we are able. We hope to partner with you as your student seems ready to begin exploring this. To determine if a child is ready to begin toilet training at our center, a Toilet-Learning Questionnaire will be given to parents and teachers to complete. If both parties answer mostly "true" the child may be ready to begin. If answers are mostly "false" we may recommend waiting to begin training. We reserve the right to decide if your student qualifies for the lesser potty-trained pricing.

At Little Lites, students are considered potty trained when they selfprompt and are accident-free for 5 consecutive school days. Until your child is considered potty trained by Little Lites policy, your child is required to wear a Velcro-sided pull-up or diaper while at school.

Please send a change of clothes with your child each day in case of an emergency, bathroom accident, spilled food, injury, etc.

Diapers and Wipes

Parents are to supply their child's diapers and one unopened pack of wipes at the beginning of each week. To ensure your child has enough diapers please plan on bringing enough for at least 5 diaper changes per day. We can store extra diapers here if you'd like to bring more than enough. A child will be checked for changing every 2 hours or changed immediately if the child has a BM. All diaper changes are recorded on infant and toddler daily reports for parents.

Naps/Rest Time

All Little Lites students are required to nap or rest quietly. At approximately 12:30pm all toddler, preschool & pre-k students will have this downtime. Please send a clean sleeping bag with your child's name on it each Monday (or first day of your school week). A small noiseless toy or stuffed animal is welcomed for naptime as well. Please be sure to write your child's name on everything that comes to school. Nap supplies are sent home every Friday (or on your child's last day of his/her school week) to be washed.

Abuse Prevention

At Little Lites, we strive to provide the safest environment possible. Because of this, our teachers undergo extensive training and background checks. In order to prevent child abuse, the following policies are strictly adhered to:

- All Little Lites employees are fingerprinted
- All employees submit to a federal background check
- All employees attend a county-approved class on recognizing child abuse and neglect
- Students are always attended by a Little Lites teacher
- As children enter or exit the bathroom, they are always in view of a staff member
- Any bruising, scratches, or bumps (obtained either at school or at home) will be reported to the parent or caregiver
- All staff of Little Lites Christian Learning Center are mandated by state law to report any suspected child abuse/neglect

No Smoking

Smoking is not prohibited anywhere on the facility grounds.

Please detach the previous papers and keep for your records. Complete the following forms and return to the Little Lites front desk with your registration and tuition.

Little Lites Christian Learning Center Registration Information

Child's Legal Name:
Date of Birth:
Childs Preferred Name:
Childs Allergies/Health Concerns:
Any known special needs?
Has your child ever had an assigned IEP? YES/NO (If one is currently used, please provide a copy to our teachers)
Mother's Name:
Address:
Cell Phone #:
Work Phone #:
Company Name:
Work Address:
Email:
Father's Name:
Address:
Cell Phone #:
Work Phone #:
Company Name:
Work Address:
Email:

	Split Custody	Mom Only	Dad Only
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Circle Days: M	T W Th F		
Half-Day	Full Day		
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-	are within 7a.m are within 7am-1		
Best way to contact you for info/child updates (circle one):			
Home number	Cell number	Work number	Text
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Home number	Cell number	Work number	Text

Child Release Policy

- Children will be released only to an adult, age 18 or older.
 Children must be supervised by an adult while walking from the door to the car.
- Names of those permitted to pick a child up from our care should be stated on the Contact Information form.
- Anyone picking a child up from our care should bring photo ID with him or her.
- Parents should make Little Lites personnel aware in advance of any alternate pick up arrangements. If arrangements are not made in advance, a parent or guardian will be contacted before the child can be released to anyone who is not pre-authorized.

The following people are permitted to sign out my child using the hand-in-hand policy from Little Lites Christian Learning Center (for the child's protection, anyone picking up the child must be on this list, & should bring photo ID):

Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
	Phone #:	
Alternate #:	Alternate #:	
If parents/guardians cann following people should b	ot be reached in an emergency, the e contacted:	
Name:	Name:	
Phone #:	Phone #:	
Alternate #:	Alternate #:	
I have read & understand the emergency contact procedures & listed appropriate caregivers & contacts for my child.		
Parent's Signature		

Tuition Payment Agreement

l	acknowledge that the weekly tuition for
my child,	, comes to an amount
totaling	I hereby agree to pay this
amount on each Friday of	f the week for the upcoming week of their
attendance at Little Lites	Christian Learning Center.
Further, I understand and	d agree that if my child's tuition charges are
not paid by 2:00 p.m. Frid	day for the upcoming week, I will be
assessed a \$25 late fee.	Finally, I understand and agree if payment in
full is not made by Sunda	ay at 5:30 p.m. my child will not be allowed to
attend Little Lites Christia	an Learning Center until payment in full is
received.	
I have read and understa	nd the above:
Printed Name:	
Address:	
Date:	
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Signature:	

Permission to Use Photographs

	grant to Little Lites Christian Learning
Center, its representatives	s, and/or employees the right to take
photographs of my child, _	in connection
with the above-identified s	ubject. I authorize Little Lites Christian
Learning Center, its assign	ns and transferees to copyright, use and
publish the same on print	and/or electronically. I agree that Little
Lites Christian Learning C	enter may use such photographs of my
child without child's name	and for any lawful purpose, including for
example such purposes as	s publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web
content.	
I have read and understan	nd the above:
Printed Name:	
Address:	
Date:	
Signature:	
Permission to	Participate in Celebrations
	e permission for my child
	g as they do not contain the listed allergen ed. (pg. 14)
Printed Name:	
Signature:	Date

Little Lites Christian Learning Center Emergency Release Form

I hereby give my consent to Little Lites Christian Learning Center to
authorize medical treatment for my child,
should it be necessary while my child is in the care of Little Lites.
In case of emergency, my child's physician/health insurance contact info is:
Name:
Address:
Phone #:
Hospital Preference:
Health Insurance Carrier:
Insured's Name:
Policy #:
Group #:
Parent/Guardian Signature:
Date:

WASHOE COUNTY INFANT SLEEP POLICY SIDS PREVENTION

	Healthy babies always "BACK to sleep."
	A physician's note is required for non-back sleepers.
	Firm mattress with fitted sheet.
	"Feet to Foot Placement" in cribs if blankets are necessary.
	Babies ONLY sleep in cribs.
	CRIB: free of toys, stuff animals, & excess bedding.
	Only ONE baby per crib.
	Room temperature comfortable for lightly dressed adult.
	Monitor sleeping babies every 15 minutes.
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Pare	nt/Guardian Signature:
Date	<u>.</u>

Little Lites Christian Learning Center Parent Handbook Acknowledgement

have been given a copy of the Little		
Lites Parent Handbook. I have read & understand ALL of the policies		
& procedures set forth in this handbo		
may make changes to these policies	at any time.	
Please initial each item:		
Adacemics & Enrichment	Parent Involvement	
Facility Staff Training	Communication	
Hours of Operation	Attendance/Drop-off	
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Emergency Evacuation	Naps/ Rest Periods	
Emergency Drills	Abuse Prevention	
Special Needs	No Smoking	
Snow Days/Weather		
Medication/Immunizations		
Returning after Vaccines		
Accidents/Emergency Treatment		
Health	Parent/Guardian Signature	
Behavior Guidance/Discipline	Date	
Introduction & Adjustment		
Visitation/Custody		

PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I understand that the time my child,is in the facility, that the director may be asked for information regarding my child.
I hereby give permission to release information to official persons only, who identify themselves, such as schools, health care personnel, welfare or other government officials.
I do not give permission to release information about my child as set forth in the aforementioned statement. I understand that Child Care Licensing has access to my child's record as the licensing agent and may view the record upon Child Care Licensing facility inspection.
Signature of enrolling Parent/Guardian Date
Parent/Guardian Notification of NRS.178: I,, (Parent/Guardian) am aware that I have the right to request and review any complaints the facility has received within the last 12 months of my child's(ren's) enrollment.
Signature of enrolling Parent/Guardian Date

LITTLE LITES CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

3200 Sutro Street Reno, NV 89512 775-229-2675 - Call/Text

Automated Recurring Billing (ARB) Authorization Form

Schedule your tuition payment to be automatically charged to your credit or debit card. Just complete and sign this form to get started!

Automated recurring billing will make your life easier:

- It is convenient (saving you time and postage)
- · Your payment is always on time, which keeps your child's tuition account up-to-date and current

Here's how automated recurring billing works:

You authorize regularly scheduled charges to your credit/debit card. You will be charged the amount indicated below, each billing period. A receipt for each payment will be emailed to you and the charge will appear on your bank statement as an "ACH Debit." You agree that no prior-notification will be provided unless the date or amount changes.

Please complete the information below:	
I authorize Little Lites	CLC to charge my credit/debit card indicated
below for \$ on the FRIDAY of each WEEK for particular tuition.	ayment of my child's Little Lites Christian Learning
Email address for receipt	
Credit/Debit Card	
Cardholder Name	
Card Number	
Expiration Date	
I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing, and I a information or termination of this authorization at least 15 days prior to the next billing did that the payment may be executed on the next business day. In the case of an ACH Traction at Interest the charge again within 30 of I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with credit/debit card and will not dispute these scheduled transactions with my bank or credit/debit card and will not dispute these scheduled transactions.	ate. If the payment date falls on a Friday/weekend or holiday, I understand ansaction being rejected for Non Sufficient Funds (NSF) I understand that days, and agree to an additional \$25 charge for each attempt returned NSI the provisions of U.S. law. I certify that I am an authorized user of this
SIGNATURE	DATE