



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/4/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:15 AM **Departure:** 11:20 AM

CCLC-36570

Kids Ahoy Learning Center

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
03/04/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/14/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Free Play
Main	B-School-Age		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	
Main	C- 3-4 YEARS	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	22	C	30	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 65				
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 65				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	79	C

Comments

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

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 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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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

Shelia Mathis, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018

Corrected on 3/4/2019

.03(1) - Previous citations corrected. It was determined based on observation that all classrooms had updated lesson plans for all ages served.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018

Corrected on 3/4/2019

.12(2) - Previous citations corrected.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Met**

Comment

Per the Owner. "The 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) **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 in classroom A the consultant observed butt paste and saline drops in a diaper bag out on the table accessible to the children in care.

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: 3/4/2019

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018

Corrected on 3/4/2019

.25(3) - Previous citations corrected.

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and Owner discussed spray painting roots on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018

Corrected on 3/4/2019

.15(3) - Previous citations corrected. It was determined based on observation that all infant's bottles were labeled on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

)591-1-1-.10(5) requires that Center Staff shall not leave infants or children unattended while being diapered or having their clothes changed on the diaper changing surface. It was determined based on observation that a staff member turned away to look in a cubby, leaving an infant unattended on the changing table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of medication logs that staff did not follow dispensing instruction in that medication was to be given on February 15, 2019 and the center did not administer the medication to the child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019

Safety

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2018**Corrected on 3/4/2019****.36(4)(b) - Previous citations corrected.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018**Corrected on 3/4/2019****.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citations corrected.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2013	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2015	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.