



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/9/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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.
10/09/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/04/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/12/2018	Licensing Study	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	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-School-Age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	11	C	15	C	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	C- 3-4 YEARS	Five Year Olds and PreK	1	6	C	22	C	30	C	Breakfast,Free Play,Supper
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 65				
Total # Children this Date: 17			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/RulesAndRegulations.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

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- * Classroom B-Table to the left beside the entrance door was chipped and had a crack on the top of the table
- * Classroom C-In the dramatic play area, the top of the green refrigerator had multiple chipped paint areas

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

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

N/A

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that the consultant observed 21 children ranging from ages infant to two year olds in Classroom A when the room capacity was only licensed for 20 children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019****Corrected on 10/9/2019****.25(13)-Previous citation was corrected. No hazards were accessible on this date.**

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant observed a gap measuring over three and a half inches wide, on the back right bottom of the fencing. Center staff covered the gap with a tarp during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 3/4/2019****Corrected on 10/9/2019****.10(5) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Staff was observed changing a diaper and did not leave the infant on the changing table unattended.****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(7) requires Center Staff to provide liquid soap, individually dispensed single-use hand towels, single-use wash cloths, and covered storage container for soiled items. It was determined based on observation that center staff did not use a wipe when changing an infant on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure missing items listed and ensure the ongoing availability of all supplies.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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 dispense medication on September 26, 2019 to the child or explain why the medication was not dispensed.

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: 10/9/2019**Recited on 10/9/2019**

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(e) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days in advance of the change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that staff and children were present in an area of the center that is not licensed or had an amendment application on file for capacity increase.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant and director discussed that there was a four inch tear in the ceiling of the van over the third seat behind the driver's seat.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined based on review of transportation records that nine out of the 21 children that are transported did not have a transportation agreement on file for consultant to review. It was also determined that the twelve transportation agreements that were reviewed were missing transportation pick-up and drop-off locations and times.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Center's information and the children's information is included on each vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of transportation records that 21 out of the 21 children that are transported did not have emergency medical forms on file for the consultant to review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with staff on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 09/09/2019

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Please replace or add missing/expired items in first aid kit on the bus.

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.