



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 2/15/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:40 AM    **Departure:** 10:45 AM

**CCLC-36570**

**Kids Ahoy Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	5	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Flo or Play
Main	B-School-Age	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	15	C	Outside
Main	C- 3-4 YEARS	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	22	C	30	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	79	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was conduct a Monitoring visit.

Documentation for newly hired staff was available for the consultant to review.

No citations were observed on this date.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring report was conducted on this date with the director. Consultant left a copy of the Monitoring report with the director.

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.decgal.ga.gov/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), 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)



#### 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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Deshonna Danielly, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure furniture is secure in the classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023**

**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 met by center on this date.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022**

**Corrected on 2/15/2023**

**.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all exposed roots to be painted and there was no exposed tarp. Resilient surface was observed to be covering all areas of tarp.**

**The playground was found clean and well maintained.**

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed by the consultant in Classroom A-Infants

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands in Classrooms A and B.  
Staff were also observed to wash hands before holding an infant and before and after changing a diaper in Classroom A.

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Organization

### 591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with the Director how to enter an Amendment for Room Type Change in DECALKOALA.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.  
Consultant observed positive redirection in Classroom C while children were in circle time.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Discussed washing of sheets and disinfecting of cots for older children.

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022**

**Corrected on 2/15/2023**

**.33(5) - Citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Seven (7) out of Seven (7) staff were observed to have the required ten (10) hours of annual training for the year 2022.**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

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