



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 5/11/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-53732

KinderCare Learning Center (McDonough #086101)

4075 East Lake Pkwy McDonough, GA 30253 Henry County
 (770) 957-3077 christine.greaver@kindercare.com

Process & QI Unit Consultant

Stacy Whitten

Phone: (770) 405-7920

Fax: (404) 478-8021

stacy.whitten@dec.al.ga.gov

Joint with: Amanda Schofield

Mailing Address

3051 Parkbrooke Circle
 Woodstock, GA 30189

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.
05/11/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/02/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/02/2022	Complaint Investigation & 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	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H	Four Year Olds	2	25	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	K	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Nap
Main	L	Infants	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Story, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 177			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	10	C
Main	B	56	C
Main	C	109	C
Main	D	7	C
Main	E	22	C
Main	F	19	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/11/2023

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.al.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 with the user id 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Christine Greaver, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

Date

Amanda Schofield, Consultant

Date



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

(Findings Report)

Date: 5/11/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-53732

KinderCare Learning Center (McDonough #086101)

4075 East Lake Pkwy McDonough, GA 30253 Henry County
(770) 957-3077 christine.greaver@kindercare.com

Process & QI Unit Consultant

Stacy Whitten

Phone: (770) 405-7920

Fax: (404) 478-8021

stacy.whitten@decal.ga.gov

Joint with: Amanda Schofield

Mailing Address

3051 Parkbrooke Circle
Woodstock, GA 30189

The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed with Director and Staff to ensure all classrooms have up to date lesson plans posted and in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

.03(8) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed staff to provide direct care and individual attention to children. Children were observed to be comfortable and staff were responsive to distress or cries from children.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

.03(9) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all staff and children to be participating in appropriate activities on this date. No rough play or handling was observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Discussed with Director and Staff to ensure the following furniture is secured to prevent a tipping hazard from developing:

-classroom E, F and G: storage cabinets in the bathrooms were observed to have equipment stacked on top - please ensure cabinets are secured and materials on top are removed or secured

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Discussed with director to ensure the following areas of equipment/furniture are repaired or replaced:

-classroom A: the soft blue sofa and chair should be repaired or replaced where the material is developing tears with exposed foam.

-classroom E and F: one storage cabinets door was observed to have a gap in the hinge area, please close gap to ensure a pinching hazard does not develop

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 - Discussed with Director and staff to ensure toilet brushes and plungers are not stored on the floor in bathrooms and are stored inaccessible to children.

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed with Director to ensure all bathroom vents are cleaned regularly for dust accumulation and in good working order

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2023

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

Met

Comment

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities. Please ensure classrooms with mixed age groups are in ratio at all times.

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 an observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom A: plastic bags, a stapler and wipes were stored in a low drawer

Classroom B: a cabinet was unlocked containing a staff purse, a bottle of cleaner and hand sanitizer, accessible to children

Classroom D: two containers of petroleum jelly and one pack of wipes was stored in a child's cubby, accessible to children, one plastic bag was stored in the sensory table

Classroom E: staplers, adult scissors, push pins were stored in a low drawer, accessible to children

Classroom F: staples, staplers, adult scissors, and a box cutter were stored in a low drawer, accessible to children

A bottle of bleach was stored in a staff bag on the floor, accessible to children

Classroom I: plastic bags and a staff purse was stored in low cubbies

Classroom J: multiple bottles of diaper ointment and wipes were stored in a low, unlocked diaper table.

Items were marked keep out of reach of children

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: 5/12/2023

Recited on 5/11/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Please ensure all plants in classrooms are non poisonous and non toxic.

Please check the plants in classroom E, F and G and ensure these plants are not on the list of toxic or poisonous plants.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

.25(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that the facility was observed to be in good repair on this date. Please continue to monitor classroom walls, ceilings doors, floors, baseboards, rugs and other areas as needed for repairs.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure all electrical outlets are covered and cords are not looped or hanging in any classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.

It was determined based on observation that the following areas of the fencing were in need of repair:
2nd right Playground: two pole caps were missing, there was a gap at the bottom of the fencing, measuring four inches by eight inches. Chipping paint was observed to be developing on the fencing rails and gate.
Back playground: the fencing measured three feet seven inches and was not four feet in height as required. Vines were observed growing through the fencing
Four wooden slats were observed to be loose, two with protruding nails and one with a exposed screw
Left playground: the fencing measured three feet , eight inches and was not four feet in height as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed with Director to monitor the first right toddler playground equipment for chipping paint and repair or repaint as needed.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.

It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground areas:

- A lanyard was observed to be tied to the fencing gate by the toddler playground, creating a looped strangulation hazard
- a ribbon was tied to a storage cabinet on the back playground, creating a looped strangulation hazard.
- one sensory table was observed to be filled with stagnant water

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - Discussed with cook and Director to monitor and ensure the refrigerator is under 40 degrees at all time.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022**Corrected on 5/11/2023****.17(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed children to be kept clean, dry and comfortable.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Consultant discussed with staff and Director to ensure children wash their hands immediately prior to eating. If children come in from outside, wash their hands and do an activity, they should wash their hands again immediately prior to eating.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20 - Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete. Please ensure if medication is not given exactly at the time parents indicated on the form, the reason the time is different, is documented each time.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022**Corrected on 5/11/2023****.20(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that medication was observed to be stored inaccessible to children.**

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. - Please ensure signatures on transportation forms are legible.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled clearly for individual use.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that four mattresses in classroom K were observed to have tears in the plastic covering with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure all crib sheets are tight fitting.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Please ensure cots are not placed under cubbies when children are sleeping, to prevent an injury from occurring.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1) - Please ensure all staff have up to date CPR and First Aid training documentation on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2023

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

.32(7) - Correction of the previous citation in that adequate supervision was provided in all classrooms on date of visit.