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Date: 7/11/2017 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:20 AM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

CCLC-16643

Kidz Fortress Childcare Learning Center

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Compliance Zone Designation		
07/11/2017	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/11/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
03/01/2017	Licensing Study	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	1L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2 R	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2L		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	23	C	Nap
Main	4L		0	0	C	9	C	12	C	
Main	4R	Six Year Olds and Over	2	19	C	16	NC	23	C	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126

Total # Children this Date: 56

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left	31	C
Main	Right Back	61	C
Main	Right Front Yard	41	C

Comments

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).



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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@decal.ga.gov.

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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)

Jessica Holmes, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date



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Summary 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

Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure all equipment and toys are dry and free of hazards and hazardous materials before allowing children access to them.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2017

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

Met

Comment

Swimming Provided off Site

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.08(a)-(f) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that five of five children's files reviewed contained the required information on this date.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

No evening care hours

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 center was providing care for nineteen children in a space licensed for sixteen on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2017

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

Met

Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the center and surrounding areas were observed to be clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playgrounds were observed to be fully enclosed by a fence measuring four feet and higher and in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playground was observed to be clean, free of litter, and hazards on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined, based on observation, that grass was observed growing throughout the resilient surfacing surrounding the slide and swings, making the surfacing no longer resilient.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2017

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation for the field trip taken on July 11, 2017 to the Splash Pad.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed the transportation of children returning from the field trip to the Splash Pad on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.36(3)(a-c) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the director and all staff participating in transportation had documentation of completing the mandatory two clock hour transportation training on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.30(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that mats were observed stored separate from children's bedding on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - Center staff were observed to comply with all applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2017

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2017

Corrected on 7/11/2017

.32(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that children under three-years-old were observed to be housed in separate physical areas from older children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff