

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

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Date: 5/21/2019 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 4:30 PM

Licensing Study

**CCLC-14189** 

## Kids Like Me Childcare and Learning Center

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Mailing Address

Same

Quality Rated: \*



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Compliance Zone Designation				
05/21/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing		
05/21/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing		
12/19/2018	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

Deficient - Prog

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 1 Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	B Infants: 2 Left		0	0	С	8	С	NA	NA	
Main	C: 3rd Left		0	0	С	8	С	NA	NA	
Main	D: 4th Left	One Year Olds	1	8	С	9	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E: 5th Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	С	10	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F: 6th Left	Two Year Olds	1	8	С	10	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G: 3rd Right		0	0	С	30	С	NA	NA	
Main	H: 2nd Right	Four Year Olds	1	17	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I: 1st Right	Three Year Olds	1	15	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	25		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 64 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Outside(3-12 years)	29	С
Main	B outside(Infants-2 years)	37	С
Main	Outside Water play	7	С

#### Comments

A one day letter and a criminal records affadivit was left and explained to the director on this date.

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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@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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

Sarah Cole, Program Official	Date	Ashia Jackson, Consultant	 Date



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## The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

## **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

Comment

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

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 routinely met by center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2018

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-117 Hygiene(CR)
Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.
591-1-120 Medications(CR)
Comment Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.
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591-1-111 Discipline(CR)
Comment Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.
591-1-136 Transportation(CR)
<b>Comment</b> Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.
Finding 591-1-136(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on documentation reviewed that the center did not document that a second check was completed for routine school transportation on May 17, 2019 to Flat Shoal Elementary, Terry Mill Elementary, Obama Elementary, Narvie j. Harris Elementary, and Oak View Elementary It was further determined that the center did not document that a a second check was completed for routine morning transportation to Oak View Elementary on May 21, 2019.
Correction Deadline: 5/21/2019
Sleeping & Resting Equipmer

Met

## Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

# Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/16/2016	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/03/2016	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 10/04/2006	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/15/2015	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/08/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/20/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/22/2019  "Missing/Incomplete Components"  .09-Criminal Records Check Missing	Not Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/01/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/01/2015  "Missing/Incomplete Components"  .09-Criminal Records Check Missing	Not Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/05/2005	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
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Correction Deadline: 1/18/2019

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.