



**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:** 9/17/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-38550**

**Kidz Express, Inc.**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/17/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/12/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/01/2018	POI Follow Up	Support	

**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	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play,Lunch,Transitioning,Diapering
Main	C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	0	9	NC	9	C	13	C	Centers,Transitioning,Lunch
Main	D	One Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 33							
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 33		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A(Left)	31	C
Main	B (right)	9	C

### Comments

This Monitoring Visit is the first regulatory visit for Kidz Express, Inc. this 2018 - 2019 fiscal year.

The center director stated no medication is provided, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

The center is working with the Quality Rated Program and will be submitting a portfolio by the end of this week.

The consultant reviewed all staff files and finds that each staff member has a satisfactory fingerprint criminal records clearance determination letter on file. The consultant discussed with the center director that effective October 1, 2018 all staff members are required to have a comprehensive fingerprint criminal records clearance determination letter on file.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/17/2018

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/Regulations.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.

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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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Ginger Hall, 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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities throughout the center.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2018**

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

**Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - The center director / staff will ensure that the ABC, 123 fish area rug located in the two-year-old classroom is cleaned.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Technical Assistance**

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The center director / staff will ensure potties are flushed after each use.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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<b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Technical Assistance</b>
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**Technical Assistance**

The center director / staff will ensure that the grass is kept cut and weeds are removed from the chain link fence. Additionally, that leaves and prickly pine cones are removed from underneath the magnolia tree.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2018**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.07 Children's Health</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that an infant under the age of twelve-months was wearing a teething necklace around her neck.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2018**

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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The center assistant director stated no medication is administered.

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

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<b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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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.