



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/3/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-4188

Kreative Minds Childcare Center

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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.
03/03/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/25/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/06/2019	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
Building 2	Building 2		0	0	C	25	C	27	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 114							
Building 3	Building 3		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 114							
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Back Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	30	C	Centers
Main	Back Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	First Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 114							
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 114				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Back Playground	58	C
Main	PG- Front Playground	21	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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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), e-mail the following information to 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.

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

Cheryl Harvey, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Evaluated

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no potential hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019****Corrected on 3/3/2020**

.15(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that baby bottles and formula was observed to be prepared and in labeled bottles with the child's name on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019**Corrected on 3/3/2020**

.20(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no medication was observed present at the center on this date.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined, based on review of records, that the unloading and the loading of the vehicle was not documented in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol for routine transportation to and from Wilkinson Gardens Elementary School on February 27 and 28, 2020.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2010	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/31/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/31/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/28/2017	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2013	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(2) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure the staff:child ratios were met in all classrooms, as upon the consultant's arrival, the Back Left Classroom was observed out of ratio with 1:17, consisting of fourteen three-year-old children and three four-year-old children. A staff member immediately stepped in the classroom to meet staff:child ratio of 2:17.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020

Comment

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