



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/6/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:05 AM

Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-46376

Kidz Choice Learning 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.
12/06/2019	POI Follow Up	Support	
10/24/2019	Licensing Study	Deficient	
07/05/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Comments

Center staff provided one file for an employee hired since the last visit.

A formal plan of improvement is being left on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/20/2019

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)



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.al.ga.gov/>
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.al.ga.gov

Ashley Edwards, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.26(4) - Previous citation observed corrected in that fencing had been repaired and is in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a wooden climbing structure that was not anchored on the left hand side of the structure causing a potential tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2019

Recited on 12/6/2019

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 the consultant's observation that the wooden climbing structure did not have adequate fall zone in the structure does not have a fall zone to the left of the structure due to the structure being placed two inches from the fence.

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Correction Deadline: 12/16/2019

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 the consultant's observation that there was an exposed black tarp located in front of the slide on the middle section of the playground, and by the merry go round causing a potential tripping hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 12/6/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.17(8) - Previous citation observed corrected in that staff members were observed washing their hands as required before diapering, after handling bodily fluids and upon arriving to the center.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/08/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all current staff had evidence of a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all current staff had a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.14(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center had at least 50% of the caregiver Staff who complete the needed training.

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.14(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that staff had current first aid and CPR training on file as required.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.24(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the personnel files had the required components.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.33(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the staff members completed health and safety orientation training as required.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 12/6/2019

.32(7) - Previous citation observed corrected in that adequate supervision was observed on this date.