



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/1/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-56680

Happy Kidz Early Learning Center

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Same

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.
03/01/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/08/2022	Initial Licensing Study	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
Main	A- Far Right (Upstairs)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- Front Center (Upstairs)	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- Far Left (upstairs)	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- Back Center (Upstairs)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E- Far Left (Downstairs)	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	21	C	Centers
Main	F- Front Right (Downstairs)	Five Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	20	C	Free Play
Main	G- Back Right (Downstairs)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100				
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	30	C
Main	Right Playground	28	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/01/2023

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tombi Byers, Program Official

Date

Rapheal Betton, 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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(5) - Consultant observed a variety of activities throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was a staff member's purse hanging from a chair which was accessible to children in room F- front right.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant alerted staff and the purses were moved. The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023**Recited on 3/1/2023**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022****Corrected on 3/1/2023****.26(8) - It was determined based on consultant's observation that:*****There was at least three inches of resilient surface under the slide on the left playground.*****There was at least six inches of resilient surface in the fall zone of the regular swings on the right playground.*****There was at least six inches of resilient surface in the fall zone of the five and a half feet slide on the right playground.**

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of children's hand washing throughout the day.

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

Provider stated that no medications were dispensed.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff stated proper discipline procedures.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

staff stated proper knowledge of safe sleep and resting requirements.

Staff Records

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'StaffMissingRequirements', located at:
myKnoalaPDFCreationConsole Reports RDI C:StaffMissingRequirements.rdlc

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.28 Prohibited Substances**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.28(1) - No prohibited substances observed.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

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**

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