



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/6/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-1385

Kids' Stop 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.
06/06/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/04/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/31/2023	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	Left Pre-K Wing-1R	Five Year Olds	2	36	C	37	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	Left Pre-K Wing-End of Hall	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	1L -Right Wing Infant/Toddler Side	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	2L- Right Wing-Infant Toddler Side	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	3 L-Right Wing	One Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	4L Right Wing	Infants	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap	
Main	E- Front Room Upon Entrance	Three Year Olds	2	25	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Middle Hallway-Back Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	23	C	39	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Middle Rm b/f Dining Rm	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap	
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 153			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	back playground (toddler)	25	C
Main	left side (Pre-K/ASP)	81	C
Main	right side playground (infant/toddler)	35	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an complaint investigation and to follow up the previous visit that was conducted on April 17, 2023

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/06/2023

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.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.

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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tracy Howell, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.06(4) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed working ventilation in the boys bathroom in classroom Pre-k wing 1R

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.06(7) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that bathrooms were cleaned and properly maintained.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.19(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Specialist observed center classrooms to be within the assigned licensed capacity for each classroom.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.25(15) requires that any outside storage or equipment area be locked, separated from the children by a barrier or enclosure, and shall not be accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the gate which provided access outdoor cooling fan, and other hazardous equipment could easily be pulled and pushed open as the latch was not secure. Master locks were observed on both gates as being locked, however the gates still easily opened.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will routinely check outside storage or equipment areas to ensure they are locked or otherwise inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.25(3) - Previous citation in regarding working lights and peeling paint was corrected.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate on the left side of the Pre-K Playground had a five inch gap.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023

Recited on 6/6/2023

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.26(9) - Previous citations was corrected on this date. Specialist did not observe rust on the toddler playground equipment.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.15(3) - Previous citations was corrected on this date. Specialist observed that current formula and breast milk was being served Powdered formula was not observed at the center.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.15(4) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Specialist observed that feeding equipment was being used by properly by center staff.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.15(6)(b) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Specialist observed children being served food on individual plates and bowls.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected. Specialist observed working ventilation in the center classrooms

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation in classroom 1L Right Wing Infant Toddler classroom, the children's sink was turned off at time of visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023**Recited on 6/6/2023**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023****Corrected on 6/6/2023**

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Specialist observed infants sleeping in safety approved cribs.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that five members present at the center did not have a current CPR and first aid certification on file at the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023**Recited on 6/6/2023**

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023****Corrected on 6/6/2023**

.32(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Specialist observed appropriate child to staff ratios being maintained by the center as required.

