



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/3/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-53726

KinderCare Learning Center (Buford 086016)

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/03/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
03/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/06/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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.

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: 1R (6wks- 12mth)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Diapering, Free Play
Main	B: 2R (2 yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	C: 3R-Two-Year-Old Room		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D: 4R	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	E: 5R (Preschool 1)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F: 6R Pre-K		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G: 5L (Pre-K)	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H: 4L (School Aged)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J: 2L (After School)		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K: 1L (1's)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 50

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A - LF (6 wks- 24 mths)	18	C
Main	PG B - LB/B (2 yr- 12 yr)	101	C
Main	PG C - RS (6wks- 3 yrs)	74	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 7, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/03/2023

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!

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Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed monitoring equipment and/or furniture for potential tipping hazards.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to monitor locks attached to the cabinets for normal wear and tear and replace any potentially broken locks as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all hazardous items to be stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to the children present for care.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the light fixture and ventilation combo was not covered exposing the light bulb located in the second-left restroom located on the back-left side of classroom G: 5L. Further observation revealed that three window screens adjacent to classrooms A: 1R and C: 3R were torn exposing the glass window facing playground C - RS (6wks - 3 yrs).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. m The center will replace the covering over the exposed light bulb in classroom G: 5L and replace the window screens adjacent to classroom A: 1R and C: 3R facing playground C - RS (6wks - 3 yrs).

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2023

Recited on 4/3/2023

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

Defer

Technical Assistance

The consultant completed a walk-through of the playground areas during inclement weather. Please ensure to monitor the playgrounds for the following potentially hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., ant mounds, bees, etc.).
- Standing water in and/or around equipment and/or toys.
- Normal wear and tear of the equipment and/or toys.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.

Defer

The previous citation was deferred due to inclement weather and the resilient surface being wet from the rain.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

The previous citation was corrected. The center has not administered any medications since the previous visit was conducted on March 7, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe any medications to be stored in children's cubbies and/or other areas (i.e., unlocked cabinets and/or container) accessible to the children present for care.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed completed fire drills and tornado drills for the following months: January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023. Please ensure to complete a lock down drill by the end of June 2023.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the crib mattresses to be clean and in good repair.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the director to have completed the required four-clock hours nutrition training on March 8, 2023.