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Date: 8/25/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-53726

KinderCare Learning Center (Buford 086016)

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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.
08/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/28/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/08/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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: 1R (6wks- 12mth)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B: 2R (2 yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside, Lunch
Main	C: 3R-Two-Year-Old Room		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 4R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Main	E: 5R (Preschool 1)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F: 6R Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G: 5L (Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H: 4L (School Ageds)	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Main	J: 2L (After School)		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	K: 1L (1's)	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 70			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 conduct a licensing study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/25/2023

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
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- 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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)

N/A

Comment

Per director the 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)**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 the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom A : 1R - There was a bottle of bleach in a cabinet that was not secured located in bottom left cabinet in the diaper changing area. (Teacher immediately removed item and placed it in a locked cabinet)
 - Classroom B: 2R- There were three plastic bags in a child's cubby.
 - Classroom D: 4R - One packet of wipes located in a child's cubby.
 - Classroom F: 6R(Pre-K)- Two grocery bags stored in a child's cubby.
 - Classroom G: 5L (Pre-K)- One grocery bag stored in a child's cubby, Cortizone-10 Eczema Ointment, Destin Diapering Ointment, were stored in the cubby area located on the front-right side of the classroom, and a teacher purse was sitting in a crate accessible to children located behind the library area on the left side of the room.
 - Classroom H: 4L- Three plastic bags in child's cubby. Also, there was a purse, book bag, broom, and dust pan stored in a unlocked cabinet located on the right side of the classroom.
 - Classroom K: 1L - A plunger, mop, and a toilet brush were sitting next to the toilet inside the restroom located on the front-right side of the classroom across from the diaper changing table. There was also a broom, mop, and dust pan located in the restroom located on the left side of the classroom.
- All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN."

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 8/25/2023**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 an observation that there was standing water in a blue water bucket located on the far left side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director immediately dump the water and removed the blue water bucket.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

The consultant discussed the following criminal record check reminders with the provider:

New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the childcare industry.

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- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee. A re-check maybe needed under the following circumstances:
- When the family childcare learning home knows or reasonably should know that a provider, Employee or Provisional Employee, Resident has been arrested or charged for any covered crime.
- When there is a lapse of employment from the childcare industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer.
- When the Department so requests.

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

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on an observation that seven items were missing from the first aid kit:

- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Medical Tape
- Thermometer
- Protective Eye Wear
- Protective Mask
- Antibacterial Ointment

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3) - Please ensure that all newly hired staff members complete the required health and safety orientation training, and first aid and CPR training are completed within the first 90-days of their date of hire.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.