



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 9/20/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM Departure: 2:05 PM

CCLC-48777

His Kids Christian Learning Center

4319 Wilson Road Hephzibah, GA 30815 Richmond County
(706) 804-3060 hiskids30906@yahoo.com

Regional Consultant

Christina Jennings

Phone: (404) 463-0970

Fax: (770) 342-3177

christina.jennings@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

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.
09/20/2024	Licensing Study	Deficient	
02/05/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/05/2024	Complaint 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	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch Floor Play,Nap
Main	D	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 34		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	24	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	6	18	11	1	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/04/2024

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



(Findings Report)

Date: 9/20/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM Departure: 2:05 PM

CCLC-48777

His Kids Christian Learning Center

4319 Wilson Road Hephzibah, GA 30815 Richmond County
(706) 804-3060 hiskids30906@yahoo.com

Regional Consultant

Christina Jennings

Phone: (404) 463-0970

Fax: (770) 342-3177

christina.jennings@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.03(2) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed current lesson plans posted in three out of three classrooms on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(9) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that Center Staff does not allow children to engage in activities that could cause injury.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that the following hazards were observed:

Main A:

- The green wooden shelf located at the front of the classroom was splintering throughout .

Main B:

- The purple wooden shelf behind the art shelf was splintering through out.

Main C:

- The middle shelf on the green and white stand was cracked and not properly secured on the right side of the classroom door.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Recited on 9/20/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.19(1) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center's License capacity to have been met on this date.

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 upon observation that there was one pack of Downy Unstopables fabric softener and one pack of Tide laundry detergent accessible to children on top of the children's cubbies in Classroom A.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

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 upon observation that the wood on the back of the classroom door was splintering and had sharp exposed edges in Classroom D. It was further determined that there was a hole in the wall that measured approximately one half of an inch on the right side of Classroom C.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2024

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 upon observation that there was a five inch gap between the gate doors on the right side of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the following playground toys and equipment were observed to be broken and not in good repair:

- Six out of six ride on toys.
- Five out of five push toys.
- Twelve out of twelve trucks.
- The wooden tee pee structure was splintering through out.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2024

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 upon observation that the outdoor rug on the deck leading to the playground entrance was lifting and not flush causing a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined that the wood was rotting on the bottom left side of the decking that led to the playground entrance.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Health and Hygiene

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based upon observation that there was an infant wearing a bib while sleeping in a crib causing a potential strangulation hazard in Classroom D.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.10(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe children to be left unattended on a diapering changing table on this date. Center staff stated that they ensure that children are properly attended to while being diapered.

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 upon observation and staff statements that eleven out of eleven children in Classroom A, ten out of ten children in Classroom B, and eight out of eight children in Classroom C did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid soap prior to eating lunch as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Recited on 9/20/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based upon observation that the Staff in Classroom A, Classroom B, and Classroom C did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid soap prior to serving lunch as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Recited on 9/20/2024

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based upon a Staff statement that infant crib sheets were changed once a week when crib sheets should be changed daily in Classroom D. It was further determined that five out of five crib sheets were loose and not tight fitting and in use with sleeping infants in Classroom D.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Recited on 9/20/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based upon a Staff statement that staff initially place a sleeping infant on their stomach when sleeping infants should initially be placed on their backs in Classroom D.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.32(2) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper ratios on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based upon observation that Staff were walking around the classroom and not seated within arm's length away while four one-year-old children and four two-year-old children were seated and eating lunch in Classroom C. It was further determined that Staff were standing at the diapering station and not seated within arm's length away while ten two-year-old children were seated and eating lunch in Classroom B.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Recited on 9/20/2024