



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/2/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:00 AM **Departure:** 9:45 AM

CCLC-63428

Kidz Korner Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
12/02/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/10/2025	Licensing Study	Deficient	
05/01/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A (front left)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	26	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room B (back left)	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D (back right)	GA PreK	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room E (front right)	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 30					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (back)	38	C
Main	Playground B (left side)	27	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement follow-up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on a review of records that lesson plans were not current in Room A and were from October.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

Recited on 12/2/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.12(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.08(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.25(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.15(7) - Citation corrected. The center has the new menu from CACFP and was making corrections to ensure food were age appropriate.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifier or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that two children in the infant/1-year-old class has a pacifier clip attached to their clothing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

Recited on 12/2/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.10(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.21(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Safety

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.13(2) - Citation corrected as the center has not provided field trips/transportation since the last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.13(6) - Citation corrected as the center has not provided field trips/transportation since the last visit.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.36(4)(a) - Citation corrected as the center has not provided field trips/transportation since the last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.36(7)(d)1. - Citation corrected as the center has not provided field trips/transportation since the last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - Citation corrected as the center has not provided field trips/transportation since the last visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.30(1)(a)2 - Citation observed to be corrected as mattresses were replaced.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.30(1)(b)1 - Citation corrected as mats were replaced.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/19/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Not Met

Finding

Previously Cited: 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 staff members #1, #5 and #9 were over 90 days of hire and did not have first aid and CPR on file.

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that staff members #3, #4, #5 were over 45 days of hire and did not have first aid and CPR meeting rules requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: 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.

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

Recited on 12/2/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.14(2)(b) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Corrected on 12/2/2025

.33(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Not Met

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 on observation that in Room A and Room E staff members were not seated within arms length of the children under the age of 36 months eating.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025