



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/8/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 5:05 PM

CCLC-988

**Special Investigations Unit
Specialist**

Kids 'R Kids #20

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/08/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/29/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/15/2023	Incident Investigation/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	A-1L	Infants	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-Dining		0	0	C	24	C	33	C	
Main	E-Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	27	C	38	C	Nap
Main	F-Pre-K Left Side (gym)	GA PreK	2	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Nap,Snack
Main	G-Pre-K right side (gym)	GA PreK	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Snack
Main	H-1R	One Year Olds	1	5	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I-2R	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J-3R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K-4R	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art,Nap
Main	L-5R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 260					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 280					
Total # Children this Date: 111					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 280					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-left front	64	C
Main	Playground B- Left Back	104	C
Main	Playground C-Right Back	26	C
Main	Playground D-Right Front	44	C

Comments

A monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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!

Sanam Mirghahari, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Comment

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation, that thorny leaves and vines were observed protruding through the far back fence located on the A-Left Front Playground. The thorny leaves and vines were observed to be accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed. The center will ensure to trim back the thorny bushes and vines to prevent children from accessing the leaves and vines and prevent any potential hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2023

Recited on 9/8/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with Director about maintenance for the bathroom ceiling tiles and inoperable sink faucet.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with Director to ensure that unapproved closets are kept locked and secured to ensure safety.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation. that there was between one and three inches of resilient surface beneath the play structures on all playgrounds on this date when six inches was required.

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: 9/14/2023

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 observation. that there was exposed wood in the grass on the A-Left Playground, behind the play structure area creating a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The center will ensure to cover the exposed black tarp, paint the exposed tree roots a bright color, and remove the black droppings from the playground area. The center will continue to monitor the playground areas for any potentially hazardous items.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Recited on 9/8/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**

Comment

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

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

Comment

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