



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/27/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-53730

KinderCare Learning Center #1000

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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.
03/27/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/17/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/16/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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 1 - Infants	Infants	3	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Room 2 - 1 Year Olds	One Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 3 - 2 Year Olds	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 4 - 3 Year Olds	Three Year Olds	3	19	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 5 - GA Pre-K (2 Groups)	GA PreK	2	15	C	39	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 6 - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 7 - School Age	GA PreK	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 111					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	117	C
Main	Front middle	85	C
Main	Left	41	C
Main	Right	55	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
14	16	22	21	56	62	0

Comments

The provider was provided a copy of the report during the exit conference.

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.decga.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@decga.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

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions and stored in a safe manner. Consultant discussed to refrain from storing stacked chairs in classrooms during times children are present and active.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2025

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

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.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

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.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

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.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that fully enclosed bathrooms throughout the center did not have an operable ventilated exhaust system as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2025**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center. on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that potentially hazardous supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. Room #3 was to be discussed to ensure that all plastic bags with wipes that require to keep out of reach of children be stored inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2025**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure equipment is washed and cleaned prior to use.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

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Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

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.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2025

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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**Records Reviewed: 23****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 5

Not Met

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.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

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.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 23****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

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

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 17 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(5)-Drivers License Missing

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2025

Corrected on 3/27/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Children were observed to be appropriately and adequately supervised throughout the center on this date.