



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/26/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-469

K.C.'s 24 Hr. Child Care Center

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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.
11/26/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/26/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
11/12/2024	LS POI 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	1L		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3L	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Left Corner Cafe	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	54	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Left Hall 1st Rt		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Right Hall 1st RT	Five Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			171		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	30	C
Main	Playground	90	C

Comments

Consultant conducted an onsite follow up on November 26, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/12/2024

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.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no load and unload indicated for one child who was transported on November 22, 2024 from Cousins Middle School to the center on the afternoon route.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024

Recited on 11/26/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that there were no return times indicated for the following:

- Four children who were transported on the afternoon route from Flint Hill Elementary to the center on November 15, 2024.
- Three children who were transported on the morning route from the center to Clements Middle School on November 15, 2024.
- Three children who were transported on the afternoon route from West Newton Elementary School to the center on November 15, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024

Recited on 11/26/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024

Corrected on 11/26/2024

.36(7)(d)1. - This citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed first checks to be properly documented.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that there were no second checks for the following:

- Five children transported on the afternoon route from Fairview Elementary School to the center on November 15, 2024.
 - Three children transported on the afternoon route from South Salem Elementary to the center on November 15, 2024.
 - One child transported on the afternoon route from Cousins Middle School to the center on November 13, 2024.
 - Two children transported on the morning route from Oak Hill Elementary to the center on November 15, 2024.
 - Two children transported on the morning route from the center to Clements Middle School on November 22, 2024.
 - Three children transported on the afternoon route from West Newton Elementary School to the center on November 15, 2024.
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