



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/30/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-56835

Kids Academy & Early Learning 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.
08/30/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/30/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/14/2024	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	Rm. A 1R		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm. B 1L	Infants	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm. C 2L	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm. D 3L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm. E 4L	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm. F 5L	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @25 capacity limited by Playground Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infants/Toddlers	7	C
Main	B- 2 - 12yrs	36	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	7	9	6	11	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and Follow up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/30/2024

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!



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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.03(7)(a) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Playgrounds were accessible to the children present at the center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.03(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed children on the playground and both playgrounds were accessible to the children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed the application of child #1 to have complete allergy information on the enrollment application.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.08(1)(a) - Previous Citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed child #1 and #2 to have current information on enrollment application.

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

Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by center.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.25(13) - Previous citation on this date to be corrected. Consultant observed classroom D 3L to be free of hazardous.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed playground to be safe and secure for children on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.10(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed classroom C 2L to have a new changing pad free of ripped exposing cushion.

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

Comment

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the center failed to submit an amendment for classrooms C and D when nine foot walls were added to divide the classrooms spaces.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted by October 30, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024

Recited on 8/30/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on observation that the center's van was observed to be without a current vehicle inspection on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2024

Recited on 8/30/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed Transportation logs to have pick up and departed times on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed transportation log to have second signature for each school.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with staff SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.33(2) - Previous Citation on corrected. Consultant reviewed staff records staff #4 is no longer employed at the center on this date.

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

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

	Safety
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Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

Corrected on 8/30/2024

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed positive interactions with staff and children on this date.