



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/20/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 7:50 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-53648
KinderCare Learning Center #1527
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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.
09/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/23/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/30/2023	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	1L - Threes		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R - Twos	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	2R - Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Diapering, Transitioning
Main	3R - Toddler		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Center Rear - Pre-K A	GA PreK	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	LF Rear - Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	RT Rear - Pre - K B	GA PreK	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 32					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left-side playground - School Age	111	C
Main	RT/Rear Playground - Pre-K	59	C
Main	RT-Side playground Infant/Toddler	40	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	8	7	9	32	2	5

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

- Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.
- Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/20/2024

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.al.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.al.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

Consultant discussed adding a variety of equipment and toys to add a variety of choices during exploration.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please ensure all toilets are flushed after each use.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation observed to be corrected. Consultant observed environment hazardous items inaccessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on an observation that classroom 1R had paint actively chipping on the wall located in the circle time area and on the bathroom ceiling around the attic door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Comment

Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Vines and/or branches growing or protruding through the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint,etc.).
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant observed bottles covered and fully labeled with child's full name and date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(8) - Please ensure that containers for food storage other than the original container or package has a tight-fitting lid or cover, and is labeled with food contents and date.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant observed diapering procedures on this date. Diapering procedures were discussed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(8) - Please ensure that staff members immediately wash their hands and children's hands upon completing the diapering procedures

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

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

Per director the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed hamster in Center Rear- Pre-K classroom, hamster was observed to be appropriately caged on this date. Please ensure to sweep around caged area.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided five staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on April 23, 2024. Five of five staff members were observed to have a satisfactory criminal records check on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of the records staff member # 5, date of May 7, 2024, staff member # 13, date of hire June 18, 2024, staff member # 18, date of hire June 11, 2024, , and staff member # 19, date of hire September 9, 2024 did not have evidence of orientation on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their staff's assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Recited on 9/20/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.33(3) - Previous citation observed to be corrected. Staff were observed to have health and safety orientation on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Corrected on 9/20/2024

.33(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff to have nutrition training on file on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to be attentive to children's needs.