



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/1/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:10 PM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-1123

Happy Kids 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.
03/01/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/25/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/19/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	

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	1R		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Outside, Transitioning
Main	2R		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Transitioning, Floor Play
Main	3R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Breakfast, Feeding
Main	4R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	5L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A-1L	GA PreK	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations					
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	back	107	C
Main	left playground	27	C

Comments

The consultant completed the exit conference by telephone and electronically emailed a copy POI/follow-up visit to the program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/01/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Justin Gillespie, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to monitor and maintain the siding on the outside of the building for maintenance and repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2022

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to check the playground for hazards daily including but not limited to pest nest, active ant beds, broken equipment, fence, and uneven surfaces. Consultant discussed the playground checklist with the director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2022

Corrected on 3/1/2022

.26(8) - The previous citation has been corrected. An impact mat system was installed on the playground to house the black and yellow see saw and the merry go round.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2022

Corrected on 3/1/2022

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. the grey siding on the building facing the right playground was fixed The plastic roof on the wooden structure is being replaced with a sun sail.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2009

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/11/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2005

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 04/25/2019

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2021

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2016

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

10 of 10 criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit. 1/19/2022.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022**Corrected on 3/1/2022****.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All center staff had evidence of Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.****Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022****Corrected on 3/1/2022****.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All center staff had evidence of current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.**