



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 1/27/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-65605

Kids 'R' Kids Hamilton Mill

3690 Ridge Road Buford, GA 30519 Gwinnett County
(470) 478-8145 chris@kidsrkidshamiltonmill.com

Application Services Unit Consultant

Yolanda Harris

Phone: (679) 739-7046

Fax:

yolanda.harris@decal.ga.gov

Joint with: Lateshar Williams

Mailing Address

Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
01/27/2025	Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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	A-1L/100 6wks-12mth	Infants	3	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-2L/150-6wks-12mths	Infants	3	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-3L/200-1's	One Year Olds	4	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D-4L/250-2's	One Year Olds	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	E-1M/300-2's	Two Year Olds	4	13	C	30	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	F-2M/350-3's	One Year Olds	3	14	C	26	C	37	C	Breakfast
Main	G-3M/400-3's	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play
Main	H-4M/450-3+4's	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play
Main	I-5M/500-4's	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play
Main	J-5M/550-4's	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play
Main	K-BR/5+up afterschool	Five Year Olds	3	15	C	70	C	98	C	Free Play
Main	M-1R/Cafeteria		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 307					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 410					
Total # Children this Date: 135					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 410					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A /Left	20	C

Main	Playground B/Back Left	44	C
Main	Playground C/Middle	46	C
Main	Playground D/Back right	55	C
Main	Splash Pad/Special Use/Right	16	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	32	32	40	20	14	13

Comments

CI/ILS was completed on January 27, 2025. Congratulation this facility was granted permission to operate on this date. The facility does carry Liability Insurance. License capacity is 307.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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!



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

(Findings Report)

Date: 1/27/2025 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-65605

Kids 'R' Kids Hamilton Mill

3690 Ridge Road Buford, GA 30519 Gwinnett County
(470) 478-8145 chris@kidsrkidshamiltonmill.com

Application Services Unit Consultant

Yolanda Harris

Phone: (679) 739-7046

Fax:

yolanda.harris@decal.ga.gov

Joint with: Lateshar Williams

Mailing Address

Same

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the provider to ensure the toilet tissue holders and railings are repaired in the bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool on site.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to maintain a file for each child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations for each child enrolled in the center.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025

Facility

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the areas on the gate of the fencing is repaired/repainted.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that playground C and D had openings in the turf that may present a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the owner to ensure to repair drainage on the playground due to standing and soiled surface on the resilient turf.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2025

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(9) requires that a written statement be on file from a medical authority when a child requires a modified diet for medical reasons and from the child's Parent(s) when a child requires a modified diet for religious reasons. All caregiver Personnel shall be informed of the diet restriction for the child and only food that complies with the prescribed dietary regimen but still meets the food and nutrition requirements shall be served to the child. It was determined based on observation that on January 6, 2025, a child was given sun butter during snack time and had an allergic reaction.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the appropriate written statement and keep it on file, inform all caregiver Staff, and only serve the child food that complies, but still meets the nutrition requirements in these rules and will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed. Sink with warm water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation, administration, storage and procedures.

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Appropriate discipline observed on this date.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two(2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Twenty-one cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission(CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Material International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2017/2018. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the owner during the inspection visit.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that on January 7, 2025 that classroom 200 the two-year-old classroom that the staff child ratio was 1:11.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2025

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.