



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/23/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:55 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.
04/23/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/30/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	1R - Twos	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	2R - Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Diapering
Main	3R - Toddler		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Center Rear - Pre-K A	GA PreK	2	22	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	LF Rear - Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	RT Rear - Pre - K B	GA PreK	1	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 67					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

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow-up visit.

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 1 855-800-7747 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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2023

Corrected on 4/23/2024

.08(2) - The previous citation observed to be correct. The Center turns immunizations into the Health Department.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024

Corrected on 4/23/2024

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed restroom to have working ventilation on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Threes Classroom : 1L - A purse, three bottles of Super cleaning product, Lysol, broom, and dust pan stored in an unlock closet, There was also a packet of diaper wipes stored on top of a shelf in the left rear of the classroom between the restrooms.

- Two's Classroom-1R- two plastic grocery bags stored in child's cubby and cleaning spray stored in a unlock cabinet under the handwashing sink in the right rear of the classroom.

- Pre K -A Classroom: Center Rear - Three plastic grocery bags and two packs of diaper wipes stored in children's cubby area. there was also a toilet brush stored in the restroom under the sink.

-Pre K- B Classroom: Rear - One plastic grocery bag stored in a child's cubby

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN"

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Each teacher immediately removed items.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Recited on 4/23/2024

Staff Records**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****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 # 2, date of hire May 2, 2022, staff member # 5, date of hire June 1, 2022, and staff member # 13, date of September 25, 2023 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: 5/3/2024

Recited on 4/23/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of the records staff member # 5, date of hire June 1, 2022, and staff member # 13, date of hire September 25, 2023 did not have evidence did not complete the required Health and Safety orientation training within the first 90-days of their date of hire.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Recited on 4/23/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on on a review of records that staff member #11 date of hire January 26, 2017, did not have evidence of their Food Preparation training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Recited on 4/23/2024