



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

Date: 8/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 10:30 AM

CCLC-53592

KinderCare Learning Center (Cooper Lake #167)

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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.
08/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/08/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/05/2022	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	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room B - 2L (left)	Infants	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Room C - 2L (right)	One Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D - PreK (left)	PreK	2	19	C	36	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room E - PreK (right)	PreK	2	18	C	36	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F - Rear	Two Year Olds	3	23	C	27	C	NA	NA	Music

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 101

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (School-Age)	53	C
Main	Playground (Toddler)	109	C

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on August 17, 2022 with the Provider. The provider's signature on the administrative review letter was obtained on August 17, 2022. An Administrative Review was conducted on August 25, 2022. Background checks were all reviewed.

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.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)

Dana Davenport, Program Official

Date

Evelyn McBurse, Consultant

Date



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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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**

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 8/17/2022

.25(13) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed no hazards accessible in Room A or the infant classroom. Consultant observed the cabinet under the changing table in the infant classroom to be locked.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 8/17/2022

.25(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the screw on the cabinet under the sink in the infant room to be removed.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 8/17/2022

.26(9) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the storage bin to be removed from the playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 8/17/2022

.10(5) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed staff to state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Consultant observed trash can to be right next to the changing table in all diapered classrooms.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 8/17/2022

.17(7) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed staff to remind children in the three-year-old classroom to wash hands after toileting. Consultant observed staff to state proper hand washing and hygiene procedures.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 8/17/2022

.17(8) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed staff to state proper hand washing and hygiene procedures.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/17/2022	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/1992	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2012	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/12/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/16/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2012	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2009	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/11/2015	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 05/19/2022	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 03/11/2022	

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 01/23/2004

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit on May 5, 2022.

Comment

Satisfactory comprehensive criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff 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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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