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Date: 8/30/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:30 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.
08/30/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/21/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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	Circle Time,Centers
Main	1R - Twos		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R - Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Lunch,Nap
Main	3R - Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers
Main	Center Rear - Pre-K A	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning,Circle Time
Main	LF Rear - Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	RT Rear - Pre - K B	GA PreK	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Outside,Tr ansitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			144		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 52			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		144		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 licensing study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed today.

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.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/30/2023

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

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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Date

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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

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

Finding

591-1-1-.08(2) requires Center Staff 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 on a form approved by the Department, and to allow no child to continue enrollment in the Center for more than thirty (30) days without such evidence. It was determined based on review of records that three of five children did not have evidence of a current immunization certificate on file. One of five children were observed to have an immunization certificate expired on July 21, 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will have and use a plan to track immunization forms for all enrolled children and to ensure the form or affidavit are obtained from the parent or guardian within 30 days of enrollment. Parents will be informed their child cannot remain enrolled in the center without this documentation.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2023

Facility

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the restroom ventilation located in the following classrooms were inoperable during the visit:

- The first left restroom located in Toddler 3R classroom
- The first front-left restroom and the first-right restroom located in classroom Center Rear - Pre-K.
- The first front-right and second front-right restrooms located in classroom Right Rear - Pre-K B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Recited on 8/30/2023

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 packet of Parent's Choice Diaper Wipes, were stored in a child's cubby located on the far-right side of the classroom.
- Pre K -A Classroom: Center Rear - A tube of Sun Basic Sunscreen Lotion were stored in a child's cubby and Pampers Diaper Wipes, were stored in a child's cubby located on the far right side of the classroom.
- Pre K- B Classroom: Rear - Two staplers and two tape dispensers were stored in an unlocked drawer located in the first drawer in the front of the classroom and Barbasol Shaving Cream were stored in an unlocked cabinet located on the front right cabinet in the classroom.

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: 8/30/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure to monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment.
- Mechanical closets and AC units are secured and locked

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2023**Corrected on 8/30/2023**

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed six inches of resilient surfacing around the fall zones.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

591-1-1-.18 - Please ensure to add the date to food products that were opened and placed into a storage container or Ziploc bags.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

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

	Safety
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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

Per director the center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Per provider the center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - Please ensure to monitor crib mattresses for normal wear and tear.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14 - Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

- Tweezers
- Protective Eye Wear
- Triangular Band-Aid

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2023

Corrected on 8/30/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. After review of records all staff were observed to have First Aid and CPR training.

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 #3, date of hire May 2, 2022, staff member #4, date of hire September 6, 2022, staff member #5, date of hire March 14, 2019, staff member #6, date of hire December 12, 2022, staff member #7, date of hire June 1, 2022, and staff member #13, date of hire April 26, 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: 9/5/2023

Recited on 8/30/2023

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 March 12, 2019, staff member # 6 date of hire December 12, 2022, staff member #8 date of hire July 28, 2020, staff member # 10 date of hire January 2, 2019, and staff member # 12 date of hire July 18, 2005 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: 9/5/2023

Recited on 8/30/2023

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 a staff #4 date of hire on September 6, 2022 and staff #11 date of hire August 1, 2022, 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: 9/29/2023

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
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Comment

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

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.