



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/5/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-51991

KidzBiz Childcare Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
10/05/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
10/05/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/30/2023	Complaint 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	A-1st Left	Infants	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Tr ansitioning,Diap ering
Main	B-2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ou tside
Main	C-3rd Left	Six Year Olds and Over	2	25	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside,Tr ansitioning,Art
Main	D-1st Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	E-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	F-3rd Right	GA PreK	1	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Back	91	C
Main	B-Left	37	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a CI/MV

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/20/2023

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.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!

Ashley Harrison, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, CCS Coordinator

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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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the center cared for twenty- five children in the 3rd left classroom when the the licensed capacity of the classroom was Twenty.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

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 the consultant's observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

C-3rd Left

- A broom and dust pan was leaning against the wall by the sink used for hand washing.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Recited on 10/5/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the following building hazards were observed:

B-2nd Left:

- The ceiling above the home living center had water damage.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2023

Recited on 10/5/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

Corrected on 10/5/2023

.26(6) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all hazardous equipment had been removed or repaired on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2023

Corrected on 10/5/2023

.26(8) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the facility added additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the PVC pipe border located on the back playground on the left side was cracked causing a potential pinching hazard. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that the PVC pipe border located on the right hand side of the back playground in front of the climbing equipment was cracked causing a potential pinching hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2023

Recited on 10/5/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Corrected on 10/5/2023

.07(5) - Previous citation observed corrected in that not items were attached to clothing on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on the consultant's review that Personnel did not obtain authorization from the child's parent that included the dates for the medication to be given for medication dispensed on September 15, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that seven of seven crib mattress were not tight-fitting without gaps, and two of seven were occupied.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.