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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/21/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-47601

Kidz Kountry Daycare

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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.
11/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/18/2021	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
One	A	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
One	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside, Lunch
One	C	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
One	D	Three Year Olds	3	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Two	Afterschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	33	C	44	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 77					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	A	81	C
One	B	26	C
One	C	24	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Monitoring Visit. The center does not provide routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities. All staff Criminal Background Check records were reviewed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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)

Janice Dixon, Program Official

Date

Jerica Davis, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that five children in the infant classroom were eating at the feeding table and were not secured by the safety strap as the manufacturer intended.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained in and children are taught the proper use of all furniture, materials and equipment; will implement a plan for this information to be reviewed with both groups on an ongoing basis; and for monitoring proper and age-appropriate usage.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Recited on 11/21/2022

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.12(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All items in need of repair have been repaired or replaced.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in classroom D, a hepa filter was stored on top of a toy shelf on the right side of the classroom and was not secured to prevent tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Recited on 11/21/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The license capacity was observed to be met in all classrooms.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No indoor storage hazards were observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.25(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All items in need of repair were observed to be repaired on this date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.26(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The fencing has been replaced and measured more than 48 inches tall.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.26(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Both pieces of equipment have been repaired.

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 the following climbing equipment was in need of resilient surfacing:

-On playground A, there was one inch of resilient surfacing under the dome climber where six inches is required.

-On playground A, there was one inch of resilient surfacing under the green climber where three inches is required.

-On playground A, there was two inches of resilient surfacing under the monkey bars where six inches is required.

-On playground A, there was one inch of resilient surfacing under the climbing wall where six inches is required.

-On playground A. there was one inch of resilient surfacing under the rock wall where six inches is required.

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: 12/5/2022

Recited on 11/21/2022

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All playground hazards were repaired.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.10(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. An exhaust fan was added above the changing table.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.17(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children were observed to be clean, dry, and comfortable.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate hand washing was observed throughout the facility.

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 a review of records that one medication dispensed on November 18, 2022 did not have a parent's signature and the date as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing on the reviewed medication logs:

-Five out of seven medication logs reviewed were missing the time that the medications needed to be administered.

-Four out of seven medication logs reviewed were missing the date that the parent signed the medication log.

-Two out of seven medication logs reviewed were missing the prescription number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****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 observation that one crib mattress had a one inch gap at the end of the mattress and was not tight-fitting as required. The crib was not in use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Recited on 11/21/2022

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All crib sheets appeared to be clean and center staff stated that crib sheets are changed daily.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.30(1)(b)1 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All mats in classroom D were observed to be in good repair.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/06/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/27/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/29/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 01/03/2022

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2021

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/19/2020

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 11/25/2018	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 05/14/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Director provided six files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.