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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/1/2021 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-14189

Kids Like Me Childcare and Learning Center

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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.
09/01/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/06/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
03/03/2021	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
Main	A 1 Left	Infants	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B Infants: 2 Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: 3rd Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 4th Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	E: 5th Left	One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F: 6th Left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G: 3rd Right		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	H: 2nd Right	GA PreK	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I: 1st Right	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Outside(3-12 years)	29	C
Main	B outside(Infants-2 years)	37	C
Main	Outside Water play	7	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to follow up on the plan of improvement.

The plan of improvement follow up visit was conducted by phone. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Sarah Cole, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021

Corrected on 9/1/2021

.03(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that staff members received training to ensure that they offer opportunities for each child to make choices and access a variety of activities.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021

Corrected on 9/1/2021

.03(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that staff members received training on ensuring that they provide individual attention to each child by responding promptly to the child's distress signals and need for comfort.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021

Corrected on 9/1/2021

.03(9) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that staff members received training in ensuring that they refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. In addition staff members are given additional support and supervision until they demonstrate the required improvements.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2014

Corrected on 9/1/2021

.15(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that infant bottles are labeled with the child's name as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021

Corrected on 9/1/2021

.11(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the center took immediate action to ensure the action/conduct had ceased. In addition, staff members were trained on appropriate child guidance techniques; and the director had a system in place to monitor and identify inappropriate actions.