



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/11/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:10 AM    **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-51991**

**KidzBiz Childcare Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/11/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/17/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/08/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	

**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 and One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	B-2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C-3rd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-3rd Right	GA PreK	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			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 this visit is to conduct a Complaint Investigation/ Licensing Study/ Plan of Improvement follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/11/2023

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.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

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](http://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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure staff post updated lesson plans weekly.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(2) - The Consultants and Director discussed ensuring that vinyl furniture is repaired or replaced as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that staff do not stack chairs in classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

**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)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023**

**Corrected on 5/11/2023**

**.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the center to maintain license capacity on this date.**

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**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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

B-2nd Left:

- A plunger, trash bag, three rubber gloves, a toilet brush, a scrub brush, a bottle of Dollar General Toilet Bowl Cleaner, and a bottle of Soft Scrub was in an unlocked cabinet under the bathroom sink.
- A bottle of Panrosa Alcohol Free Hand Sanitizer, a water hose, and a bottle of Dollar General Disinfecting Bleach was in an unlocked cabinet under the diapering sink.

F-3rd Right:

- A broom and dust pan was leaning against the wall by the sink used for hand washing.
- A box of vinyl gloves were on a shelf outside the bathroom.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

**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 upon observation that the following building hazards were observed:

B-2nd Left:

- There were four protruding screws on the toilets in the bathroom.
- The ceiling above the home living center had water damage.

C-3rd Left:

- There were four protruding screws on the toilets in the bathroom.

E-2nd Right:

- There were four protruding screws on the toilets in the bathroom.

F-3rd Right:

- There were four protruding screws on the toilets in the bathroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the following playground equipment hazards were observed on this date:

**A-Back Playground:**

- Four out of twelve swing chains rusted on this date.
- A screw was protruding from a broken piece of PVC pipe around the right side play structure.

**B-Left Playground:**

- The red ride on toy had two missing wheels.
- The PVC around the swing set was broken.
- There was an exposed gray pipe causing a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023****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 upon observation that the following areas did not have adequate resilient surfacing on this date:

**A-Back Playground:**

- The large blue slide on large play structure on the left side had no resilient surfacing when six inches was required.
- The red climber on the large play structure on the left side had four inches of resilient surfacing when six inches was required.
- The red and blue swing set on the left side had three and one half inches of resilient surfacing when six inches was required.
- The large blue slide on the play structure on the right side had four inches of resilient surfacing when six inches was 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: 5/21/2023****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 upon observation that there was a thorny vine on the right side of the back fence on the A-Back Playground on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

## Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based upon observation that a child in the D-1st Right Classroom had a pacificier strap attached to their clothing on this date.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Policies and Procedures

### 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

#### Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023**

Corrected on 5/11/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023**

Corrected on 5/11/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultants observed staff to conduct a second check of the vehicle immediately upon completion of the first check of the vehicle.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.