



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/19/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-47910

Kiddie Academy of Cumming

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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.
07/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/10/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/24/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Infants	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music,Snack
Main	E	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	I	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	J		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Front	23	C
Main	B - Back	45	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct Monitoring Visit. The consultants exit conference was completed at 4:50 p.m.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2023

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.decgal.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2023

.03(9) - The consultants did not observe any inappropriate activities on this date.

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

Not Met

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 Classroom I had an observable unsecured flat screen television sitting on top of a cubby. There was also a ladder leaning against a storage unit posing a tip over hazard.

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: 7/20/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****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 were observed hazards:

-Classroom F contained accessible cords that were connected to an apple watch charger, USB outlet, tablet, and radio. Five treat bags were hanging on a cubby hook that contained Snicker, Twix, and M&M candies that posed as a hazard.

-Multiple classrooms contained brooms that were not stored and leaned against the walls posing as tripping hazards.

-Classroom H near the back left window were observable teacher supplies, containing 2 pairs of black scissors, staple remover and a box of staples.

-Classroom I contained accessible computer cords near the cubby area posing as a choking hazard. There was also an accessible child's book bag that contained sunscreen.

-Classroom J near the front cubby on the left side floor, contained a bag with adult make-up items and bug repellent accessible to 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. The Provider stated a staff meeting will be held addressing hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultants observed that Classrooms C and G contained stained ceiling tiles in the restroom areas. The provider will replace stained ceiling tiles after rain and ensure that the facility repairs in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(7) - The consultants observed an unlocked propped open door leading to the playground area. The provider will ensure that all doors are locked and secured when entering and exiting the premises.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 observation, playground B blue awning pole was wrapped in plastic bubble wrap and a black tarp, which had been ripped exposing the plastic.

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. The provider stated that the plastic wrap would be removed and ensure that the pole is repaired to remove all hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. The following were determined based on observation:

-Classroom A, staff member did not ensure that a child hands were washed prior to entering classroom.

-Classroom J, staff members did not ensure that a child washed their hands after using the restroom. Also, a child did not use proper hand washing as it was observed that a child did not use soap.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will train staff on required handwashing for children and staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023**Recited on 7/19/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation the following was observed; Classroom A did not wash hands prior to diapering; Classroom J staff members did not wash hands prior to transitioning into classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**Recited on 7/19/2023**

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. The consultants discussed with the provider to ensure that the external permission form is obtained in the future, i.e. sunscreen or diaper ointments.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022****Corrected on 7/19/2023****.11(2) - Consultants observed appropriate discipline on this date.**

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete. The Provider had completed documentation for field trip from July 13, 20223 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The consultants did not observe the bus to be on site on this date. The Provider stated that the bus was located at Kiddie Academy at Dunwoody.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - The Consultants observed a drop-in infant to have a crib that was not labeled or in the assigned classroom. The Provider will ensure that all children will have a identified and labeled crib accessible for children.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2023

.09(1)(j) - The consultants observed background checks on file for all staff on this date. The provider will ensure that all DECAL rules and regulations pertaining to background checks are compliant at all times.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2023

.33(5) - The consultants observed all staff that met the 2022 date to have ten hours on file this date. The provider will ensure that all staff records are maintained with the required trainings on file.

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

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation the following:

-Class D (Toddler Classroom), a staff member was standing away not within arms length of a group of children eating a morning snack.

-Classroom F, staff member was not supervising a group of children on the opposite side of a classroom.

-Classroom J, staff members did not supervise a child while using the restroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Recited on 7/19/2023