

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/2/2021 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 8:15 AM Departure: 10:30 AM

Follow Up

CCLC-52723

Kidz R Kidz Learning Academy

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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Com	oliance Zone Desig		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						
06/02/2021	Complaint Closure		standing, support, and deficient.						
06/02/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow			- Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.					
	Up			- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting					
04/20/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	Deficient	rules.Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting					

the rules.

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	Room A	Infants	1	4	С	11	С	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Room B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	С	8	NC	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	1	5	С	7	С	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room D		0	0	С	5	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room E	One Year Olds	1	2	С	5	С	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room F		0	0	С	10	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 4	45		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Total # Children this Date: 24

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 45

Total Capacity @25 sq.

ft.: 0

Building Playground		Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Playground A	89	C	

The purpose of today's visit is a complaint investigation. The complaint investigation was not closed on site.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/02/2021

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.decal.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://gualityrated.decal.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@decal.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@decal.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://decal.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)

Profranda Young, Program Official	Date	Kelly Wilson, Consultant	Date	
Reth Houtz, Consultant	Date			



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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 observation that during an initial walk through of classroom B there were 13 children in a space licensed for eight children at 35 square feet. Additionally, during a second walk through there were 14 children in the same classroom that is licensed for a total of eight children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that at 8:20 AM in classroom B there were five two-year-old children and eight three-year-old children housed in the same classroom together. The center opens at 6:00 AM; therefore, the mixed ages were not observed during the first hour of operation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old. The consultant discussed with the director amending the center's hours of operation in order to utilize the first hour for mixed age groups. Additionally, we discussed separating the children into two classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2021

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

Not Met

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 in the one-year-old classroom the teacher stepped into the hallway while two one-year-old children were left unsupervised in the classroom. In the two-year-old classroom there were five two-year-old children left in the classroom unsupervised before a teacher arrived. In classroom B there were 14 children, ages between three-year-old to school-age, left unsupervised when the cook stepped out to deliver food to other classrooms and there was no other teacher in the room.

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: 6/2/2021