



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

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 5/14/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-48439

Kreative Kidz Academy

812 West Gordon Valdosta, GA 31601 Lowndes County
(229) 300-5747 kreativekidz1@yahoo.com

Regional Consultant

Beth Houtz

Phone: (229) 238-2130

Fax: (229) 238-2955

beth.houtz@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/27/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes	
Building I	A - 3's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Building I	B - 2's potty trained only		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA		
Building I	C - 1's and 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning	
Building I	D - 6 wks - 18 months	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Building II	E - 4's and up		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building I	A - Infant/Toddler	17	C
Building II	B - 3 and up	57	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/14/2019

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), 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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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

Michelle Baker, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 5/14/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-48439

Kreative Kidz Academy

812 West Gordon Valdosta, GA 31601 Lowndes County
(229) 300-5747 kreativekidz1@yahoo.com

Mailing Address
Same

Regional Consultant

Beth Houtz

Phone: (229) 238-2130
Fax: (229) 238-2955
beth.houtz@decal.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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 in the three year old classroom there was Lysol wipes, bleach water solution, and disinfectant and in the front unoccupied classroom there was air freshener and disinfectant accessible to children in care.

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: 5/14/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency.

The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring all doors to rooms not approved for child care be latched or locked to prevent children's access to those areas.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2019

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 on observation that the following hazards were present on the playground equipment.

- On the toddler playground the yellow and blue Little tykes two seater merry go round had chipping paint.
- On the toddler playground the yellow and blue slide and tunnel had peeling paint.
- On the older playground the wooden structure had five rotten pieces of wood on the upper and lower platforms and on the stairs to the lower platform and three loose slat and floor boards that need to be secured. Additionally, on the top step at the lower platform there was an exposed screw with a sharp edge, a wood slat missing creating a gap that measured eight inches in width, and peeling paint throughout the wooden play structure.
- On the wall climber panel of the wooden structure there is a broken plastic hand grip that has sharp edges.

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: 5/24/2019

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 that the following hazards were present on the playground.

- Two active ant beds were on the playground. One ant bed was located by the fence corner between the two playgrounds and the other was by the fence surrounding a tree.
- On the route to the playground there was three buckets of paint, electrical wires coming out from under the building skirting, a board with four exposed screws, and the skirting had several holes and rough edges that were sharp.
- On the backside of building 2 the skirting has holes and rough edges that were sharp.

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: 5/14/2019

Health and Hygiene

Technical Assistance

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. The consultant discussed with the director about not allowing children to wear bibs during play time so that they do not pose a strangulation hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2019

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2018

Corrected on 5/14/2019

.36(7)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All emergency medical forms had the required information.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2018

Corrected on 5/14/2019

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected. All children load/unload/absent marks were accounted for on the transportation checklists.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2018

Corrected on 5/14/2019

.36(7)(d)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected. A signature for the first vehicle check was observed on the transportation checklists.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that on May 8 and 9, 2019 on a home transportation checklist the second check of the vehicle was not documented on the transportation form by a staff's signature.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2019

Recited on 5/14/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/25/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/17/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2009	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018

Corrected on 5/14/2019

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The staff member is no longer employed. All other staff had the required health and safety training.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2018

Corrected on 5/14/2019

.33(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Completed annual training for the 2018 calendar year was observed.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.