



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 8/1/2018    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-49489**

**Kids Town Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/01/2018	Initial Licensing Study	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
Main	A-1R-Three's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- 2R-Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C- 1L-Two's	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- 2L-One's	One Year Olds	3	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E -3L-Infants	Infants	2	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	48	C

**Comments**

Congratulations permission to operate was granted on this date!

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/01/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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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.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.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.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov)

Tina Black, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities, per the Director.

### Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fan in three-year-old classroom's bathroom was not operable.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will repair the fan.

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2018**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The total Licensed capacity of the Center measured at 95 children, based on Consultant measurement of five (5) of five (5) classrooms, Licensed this date.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Director, on this date.

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Center Director stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Center Director and all Center Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director, that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed cribs used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Center Director, prior to the visit and on this date. Further, Consultant observed a pleasant nap time environment, and discussed cot and mat disinfecting requirements with Center Director on this date.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

**Records Reviewed: 11**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/05/2016

**Records Reviewed: 11**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/21/2018

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2000

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2018

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 04/23/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/2018

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 04/13/2018

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2018

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete, on this date.

**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**

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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.