



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

Cover Sheet

Date: 12/1/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 10:20 AM

CCLC-49489

Kids Town Learning Center

3700 Martha Berry Hwy. Rome, GA 30165 Floyd County
 (706) 234-5948 tblack11363@gmail.com

Regional Consultant

Chasity Baugh

Phone: (770) 357-1717
 Fax: (770) 357-1720
 chasity.baugh@dec.al.gov

Mailing Address

PO Box 856
 Armuchee, GA 30105

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.
12/01/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	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-1R-Three's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- 2R-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 1L-Two's	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 2L-One's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E -3L-Infants	Infants	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	48	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 1, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 1, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021, was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/01/2021

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://qualityrated.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)

Tina Black, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, 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: 12/1/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 10:20 AM

CCLC-49489

Kids Town Learning Center

3700 Martha Berry Hwy. Rome, GA 30165 Floyd County
(706) 234-5948 tblack11363@gmail.com

Mailing Address

PO Box 856
Armuchee, GA 30105

Regional Consultant

Chasity Baugh

Phone: (770) 357-1717

Fax: (770) 357-1720

chasity.baugh@dec.al.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

Corrected on 12/1/2021

.12(2) - This citation was corrected as the mats were replaced with new ones.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021****Corrected on 12/1/2021**

.06(7) - This citation was corrected as the bathrooms appeared to be in good condition, no grime was observed during this visit. This was a virtual walk through, the scent of the room was not observed.

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 exposed screws at the base of the toilet in the restroom located in the first left classroom. Additionally in the bathroom in the first classroom on the right, there was a plunger sitting to the left of the toilet.

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: 12/1/2021**Recited on 12/1/2021**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021****Corrected on 12/1/2021**

.26(4) - This citation was corrected in that the metal rod was removed and the fence was repaired.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021**Corrected on 12/1/2021**

.26(9) - This was corrected as the plastic barrier was replaced entirely.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents.

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

Corrected on 12/1/2021

.10(4) - This citation was corrected in that the plexiglass has been removed.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.17(8)- This citation is deferred due to this visit being conducted virtually.

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: 8/4/2021

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2- This rule will be evaluated at the next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight fitting non porous and at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/20/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 02/02/2010	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 07/24/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/18/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/09/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 06/10/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/01/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/28/2018	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/10/2019	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 06/01/2021	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

As a reminder, 591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed.

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2021

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. As a reminder, this includes clerical staff who assist in the classroom or with children in the office.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2021

Corrected on 12/1/2021

.32(1) - This citation was corrected as center maintained appropriate ratios.

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

Met

Comment

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