



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/18/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 3:35 PM

CCLC-35941

Discovery Point #26

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/18/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/06/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
10/06/2022	Complaint Closure	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-1st Lt Infants	Infants	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd Lt. Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3rd Lt. Two's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	45	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D:1st Rt. Pre-k	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E: 2nd Rt. Pre-k	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F- 3rd Rt.	Four Year Olds	1	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G: 4th Right	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H- Back		0	0	C	36	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H- Back (Not License)		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 95

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (left side)	23	C
Main	B (Left Rear)	80	C
Main	C (Right side and Rear)	82	C

Comments

A Complaint Investigation was conducted on October 18, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 10/18/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Katie Douglas, Program Official	Date
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LaToya Longshore, Consultant	Date
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Sharnette Glenn, Consultant	Date
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Findings Report

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

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.12(4) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed the flat screen television removed from the cafeteria area.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.08(1)- This rule will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed no hazards accessible to children in the cafeteria area.

Defer

591-1-1-.25(3)- This rule will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)- This rule will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

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: 10/16/2022

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on the consultant's observation in the 4th right classroom, changes were made prior to notifying and submitting an application for an amendment license.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider was recommended to submit an application for an amendment to change the 4th right classroom to non-diaper to diaper.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed all infants sleeping in their crib.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 12/22/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/27/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2012

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2014

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/18/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2012

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2013

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 11/13/2014

Staff # 15 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met**

Finding

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. It was determined based on a review of staff files that staff #10 did not have a current Comprehensive Background Check on file. Staff #10 Comprehensive Background Check is not ported under the center's license number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. 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. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(4)-This rule will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2022

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.32(1) -

The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed 1R infant classroom with a ratio of 2:11.