



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/30/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:10 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

CCLC-1350

Discovery Point #7

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/30/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/22/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/19/2018	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
Main	A- 1st Lt	Infants	1	3	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B- 2nd Lt.	Toddlers	1	2	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- 3rd Lt.	Young Twos	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D1- Preschool Older Two 1st Rt		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 2nd Rt	Pre-k A	0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Middle School Age/Lunch Room	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	45	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	G- 3rd Rt.	Three's	2	23	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	H- Pre-k "B" 4th Rt		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Main	I- 5th Rt	Pre-k C/SA	1	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A: Left Front	26	C
Main	Playground B: Left Back	132	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and follow-up on previous citations. A revised copy was sent to the Provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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)



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined, based on observation, there were cracks in the floor in the 2nd Lt Toddlers and 3rd Lt. Young Twos classrooms and a small hole in the 3rd Lt. Young twos classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019

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 the lower cabinet in 2nd left Toddlers classroom, did not have a safety lock and there was Windex accessible to the children. Consultant observed, in classroom 5th Rt. PK/SA, a bottle of sunscreen was found in a child's cubby.

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: 7/30/2019

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, after Consultant's observation, that the Younger playground had 2 broken, bucket swings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. Provider stated that new swings had arrived and were being replaced. Consultant observed new swings in Providers office.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed the presence of ants on the playground, along the perimeter of the smaller playground. The ants did not seem to be biting ants.

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2019

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, the bottom of the drain spout, on the younger playground, was not attached and had sharp corners exposed.

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: 7/30/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Consultant observed proper documentation of children exiting the building and onto the bus. Consultant observed Transportation authorization agreements in children's files. Vehicle was also observed and met requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed. Consultant observed staff member place infant on their back, for nap. All cribs met CPSC compliance standards, there were seven cribs observed on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2005	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/15/2010	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2018	
Staff # 10	Met

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/18/2018

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2016

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 05/14/2018

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/1995

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.32 - Consultant discussed with Director the importance of Staff positioning in the classroom. 2 staff members, in classroom G 3rd Rt, were positioned at the front of the room. Bookcase hindered vision of all children. Teachers should position themselves at different ends of the classroom in order to observe all areas of the classroom.