

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

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Date: 11/4/2020 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 1:10 PM

CCLC-18632

#### **Discovery Point CDC #2**

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Same

Quality Rated:



Compliance Zone Designation					
11/04/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
01/16/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
08/27/2019	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

- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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**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	1L	Infants	2	5	С	18	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	1R	Two Year Olds	1	8	С	24	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2L	One Year Olds	1	5	С	17	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2R	Three Year Olds	1	6	С	23	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L		0	0	С	16	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3R	PreK	2	16	С	23	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4R	PreK	2	17	С	22	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle back	PreK	2	5	С	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rear Pre-K		0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 162 Total Capacity @25 ft.: 0			25 sq.					

Total # Children this Date: 62 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 162 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	0	С
Main	В	0	С
Main	С	0	С

#### Comments

An initial administrative review was completed on November 4, 2020. Staff file, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 4, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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:**

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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.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

**Records Reviewed: 4** 

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

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

Child # 4 Met

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.08(2) requires Center Staff to maintain a file for each child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations for each child enrolled in the center on a form approved by the Department, and to allow no child to continue enrollment in the Center for more than thirty (30) days without such evidence. It was determined based on review of records that child #3 did not have evidence of a current immunization certificate on file. Child #3's immunization certificate expired on April 20, 2020.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will have and use a plan to track immunization forms for all enrolled children and to ensure the form or affidavit are obtained from the parent or guardian within 30 days of enrollment. Parents will be informed their child cannot remain enrolled in the center without this documentation. Consultant also discussed obtaining access to GRITS with the director to track the expiration dates of children's immunization certificates.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2020

# Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

#### 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)

Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.)
- Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
- Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.

**Food Service** 

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed updating infant feeding forms regularly for children less than one year of age. Please ensure that center staff who care for children less than one (1) year of age know individual infants' nutrition requirements as determined by written instructions from the parent(s) and follow the feeding plan designed for each individual child.

#### **Technical Assistance**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack

#### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

# **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

Staff stated the proper handwashing procedures for children and staff members.

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## **Policies and Procedures**

#### 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed the updated required reporting requirements regarding suspected cases of child abuse (at the center and/or home) reported to the Department of Family and Children Services, communicable illness required to be reported to the Department of Public Health, and temporary closure of the center via DECAL KOALA.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

#### 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 director on this date.

#### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

#### **Technical Assistance**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #5, date of hire April 24, 2017, staff member #7, date of hire February 10, 2014, and staff member #18, date of hire September 22, 2025, did not have evidence of a current transportation training certificate on file. Staff member #5's certificate expired on August 26, 2020, staff member #7's certificate expired on November 17, 2017, and staff member #18's certificate expired on July 1, 2020.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2020

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records** 

#### **Records Reviewed: 10**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5** 

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2018

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

**Records Reviewed: 10** 

Date of Hire: 04/02/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2004

Staff # 10 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2013

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Commen

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit January 16, 2020.

#### **Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed the following information regarding criminal record checks with the director:

- Monitor the expiration dates of all staff members' criminal record check letters.
- Submit a portability request via DECAL KOALA for newly hired staff members that have a previous satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter issued by the department.
- Ensure that all newly hired staff members have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter prior to providing services to children present for care.
- Ensure that all newly hired and/or seasonal staff members with a six-month break of employment from child care submit an updated criminal record check application and complete the fingerprinting process prior to rendering services for child care services.

#### Comment

The consultant observed 18 of 18 staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter on file.

#### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

#### Finding

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. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #6, date of hire January 7, 2020, completed CPR training via an online course.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date. The Center will ensure that all staff members complete a hands on CPR training course.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2020

Recited on 11/4/2020

#### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that newly hired staff members complete the required health and safety orietation training and first aid and CPR training within the first 90-days of their date of hire.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #8, date of hire April 2, 2015, did not meet the minimum academic requirement required of a lead teacher.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2020

# 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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.