



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/31/2021    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 3:05 PM    **Departure:** 4:05 PM

**CCLC-947**

**Child Life Discovery Center #2**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/31/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/10/2020	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	Left Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	20	NC	12	NC	NA	NA	Free Play,Art
Main	Left Front - 2 B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	10	NC	36	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Mid Infant		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle Back -Infants		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right		0	0	C	37	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right Front End		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right Side		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 30

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	104	C
Main	B	57	C

**Comments**

April 5, 2021--The complaint was closed out on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/31/2021

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.dec.state.ga.us/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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Tina Medley, Program Official

Date

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Penny Svenson, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

##### Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on Consultant observation that there were 12 ceiling tiles that had water marks in the Main Right Classroom.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the ceiling tiles replaced. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2021**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

##### Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on Consultant observation that there were five one-year-old children and five two-year-old children to one staff member in the first left classroom and another staff member was required. Further there were five three-year-old children, six four-year-old children, and nine five plus year-old children to one staff member and another staff member was required.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2021**

