



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 5/2/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-947

Regional Consultant

Child Life Discovery Center #2

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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. |
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| 05/02/2019 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 11/08/2018 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 07/11/2018 | POI Follow Up | 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 | Left Back | | 0 | 0 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | Left Front - 2 B | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 30 | NC | 36 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | Mid Infant | Infants and One Year Olds | 1 | 8 | NC | 10 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play |
| Main | Middle Back -Infants | | 0 | 0 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 40 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 37 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Right Front End | | 0 | 0 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Right Side | PreK | 2 | 14 | C | 38 | C | NA | NA | Centers |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 52

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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Comments

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.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.

- 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

Tina Medley, Program Official

Date

Allison Morrison, Consultant

Date



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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

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

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

Met

Comment

The director stated that the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)- The playground is currently having work done by professionals and will be observed at the next visit.

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: 11/8/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing was observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.20(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Organization

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.16(e) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(3)(a-b) - The consultant observed transportation training for all drivers.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(7)(b) - The consultant observed completed forms in the vehicle notebooks.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.30(1)(a)3 - The consultant observed tight fitting sheets in the infant room.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that an eight-month-old was placed on her stomach to sleep and had a towel placed under her crib to raise one end up.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 05/06/2006 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/09/2019 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/13/2012 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/26/2018 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/29/2019 | |

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/1990

Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2013

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/1999

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.09(1)(c) - The consultant observed criminal record checks for all employees.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.33(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

Comment

Staff was observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the Left Front classroom had 2 one-year-olds, 10 two-year-olds, 17 three-year-olds, and 1 four-year-old with two staff members present when three staff members were required and the Middle Infant Classroom had 2 one-year-olds and 6 infants present with one staff member when two were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.