



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/29/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 5:25 PM

**CCLC-23914**

**Discovery Point Child Development Center #24**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/29/2025                         | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12/18/2024                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10/25/2023                         | Complaint Closure | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                    |                   |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                       |
|                                    |                   |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                                 |
|                                    |                   |               | <b>Deficient</b> - 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 1L      |                                   | 0     | 0        | C                             | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | B 2L      | Infants and One Year Olds         | 1     | 4        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Diapering |
| Main                           | C 3L      | One Year Olds                     | 1     | 8        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Floor Play       |
| Main                           | Cafeteria | Six Year Olds and Over            | 1     | 16       | C                             | 41         | C            | NA         | NA           | TV                   |
| Main                           | D 1R      | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2     | 10       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                  |
| Main                           | E 2R      | Three Year Olds                   | 1     | 13       | C                             | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                  |
| Main                           | F 3R      | Four Year Olds                    | 1     | 14       | C                             | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                  |
| Main                           | G 4R      |                                   | 0     | 0        | C                             | 29         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | H 5R      |                                   | 0     | 0        | C                             | 35         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
|                                |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 234   |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 65 |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 234   |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                      |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 22                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 89                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground C | 77                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 7                        | 12             | 16             | 15             | 19             | 0                         | 26                       |

### **Comments**

Report was reviewed with the designated person in charge while Director is not on site.

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center. Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.al.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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2024

Prior Visits: 12/18/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2025

.19(1) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all classrooms below capacity limitations on this date.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on Playground C the resilient surface mulch was three inches deep where six inches was required in the fall zone of the swings. Additionally, on Playground B, the resilient surface mulch was measured at three inches where six inches was required under the large slide play structure.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025**

**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 an observation that 8 pointed metal sod clips were present on Playground C on the sidewalk, adjacent to the wall of the building, which were a hazard to children.

**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. Director stated that the children are currently not utilizing the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

**Prior Visits: 12/18/2024**

**Recited on 7/29/2025**

**Health and Hygiene**

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that staff in Room B 2L did not wash child's hands or direct child to wash their hands after diapering the child, as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on an observation that staff in Room B 2L did not wash their hands after diapering a child, as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety****Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 12/28/2024****Prior Visits: 12/18/2024****Corrected on 7/29/2025**

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Consultant reviewed evidence of staff #11's two hours of transportation training and staff # 15 is no longer employed by the Center.

**Correction Deadline: 12/23/2024****Prior Visits: 12/18/2024****Corrected on 7/29/2025**

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Consultant reviewed the annual safety check completed on January 2, 2025 for vehicle 1, tag # PYS 8694.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

### Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of the records that staff #19, hired on July 23, 2025 was present in Room H 5R without a completed, valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. Children were not present in the classroom. Children were present in the Center.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will monitor to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. 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 check their files regularly to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2024

Prior Visits: 12/18/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2025

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation has been corrected. Employee #18, hired on 12/18/2024 had a valid satisfactory Comprehensive Record Check Determination on file on this date.

## 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2025

Prior Visits: 12/18/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2025

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Consultant reviewed the file and viewed evidence of current CPR and first aid training completed on July 9, 2025.

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

Met

### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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