



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/30/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-947**

**Child Life Discovery Center #2**

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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.  <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.
09/30/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/05/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/31/2021	Complaint Investigation 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	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	Left Front - 2 B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	36	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Mid Infant		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle Back -Infants	Infants	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Lunch
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	GA PreK	2	20	C	38	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 44

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

**Comments**

September 30, 2021--A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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/Regulations.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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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)

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)

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Tina Medley, Program Official

Date

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Penny Svenson, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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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: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2021**

**Corrected on 9/30/2021**  
**The correction was made.**

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

**Comment**

Playground not observed on this date due to loss of connectivity. The Director stated the equipment on the playground was sanded, painted, and resilient surface replenished as needed.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant sent the CACFP meal pattern requirements. Further the Consultant reminded the Director to add whole wheat for any grains that were provided, and ensure that any juice served was 100% fruit juice. 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

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all of the following postings were posted as required: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request.

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021**

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**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.

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**Staff Records**

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The subreport 'StaffMissingRequirements\_CBC' could not be found at the specified location myKoalaService Reports RDI C:StaffMissingRequirements\_CBC.rdlc. Please verify that the subreport has been

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

**Technical Assistance**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The Consultant discussed with the Director that several staff members Criminal Records Checks were due to expire in February 2022 and to renew prior to the expiration date as required.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR. The Consultant discussed with the Director that online only First Aid and CPR were not accepted for proof of training and the skills were required to be demonstrated with a certified First Aid and CPR trainer or instructor.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Documentation observed of required staff training. The Consultant discussed with the Director that Health and Safety could only be counted one time towards annual training.

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

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

**Corrected on 9/30/2021**

**The correction was observed on this date. Classrooms were observed to be in ratio. The Consultant reminded staff to maintain the ratio of the youngest age if that age if it made up at least 20% of the total ratio.**

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.