



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/23/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 3:00 PM    **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-17719**

**Prime Time Discovery - Deer Chase**

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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.
09/23/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	Cafeteria	Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	C	75	C	NA	NA	Centers, Homeroom
Main	Gym		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Total # Children this Date: 18		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	100	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/23/2020

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

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)

Chalanda Counts, Program Official

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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019

Corrected on 9/23/2020

.03(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed current lesson plans during a virtual visit on this date.

#### 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)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

#### 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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019

Corrected on 9/23/2020

.25(19) - Correction of previous citation in that based on staff statements during a virtual visit staff do not allow children to play in unapproved areas.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Not Evaluated

**Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(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.

**Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019**

Corrected on 9/23/2020

.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that based on staff statements during a virtual visit children are required to wash their hands prior to eating snack.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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 Area Coordinator on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

N/A

**Comment**

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019**

**Corrected on 9/23/2020**

**.09(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation that all staff submitted a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019**

**Corrected on 9/23/2020**

**.09(1)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed valid and current satisfactory Records Check Determination letters on file on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not electronically port the most recently issued Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department for Staff #3 (hired on 8/26/2020). A one day letter was sent to the provider on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. 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 watch the videos to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2020**

**Recited on 9/23/2020**

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

**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.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.