



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

**Date:** 3/16/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:10 AM

**Departure:** 11:10 AM

**CCLC-46220**

**The Goddard School**

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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.
03/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/24/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	A 6w-12m	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B 12-18m	One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C 18-24m	One Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 24-30m Turtles	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 30-36m Ducklings	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	F Young 3's	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G 3 and 4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	16	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H 3-5 years	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	I - 5 years	GA PreK	1	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 119

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Back	103	C
Main	Playground B- Right Side	35	C

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on March 16, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person visit was conducted on March 16, 2022.

Diapering areas were discussed with Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/16/2022

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



### 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!**

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), 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.'

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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Kayla Setser, Program Official

Date

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LaToya Longshore, Consultant

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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**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety in Classroom C.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed adding an additional lock on storage on the Preschool playground.

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022**

**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 observation throughout the classrooms, chipping paint on the walls and window seals were observed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed leaning fence connecting Toddler and Preschool playground in need of repair.

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation in the Toddler classroom (18-24 month old), ventilation was not located above the diaper changing area. It was further determined based on observation, there was not a sink adjacent to the diapering area.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center. Please ensure water temperature is warm throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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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**

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

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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**

Center does not provide routine transportation since March 2020 per Director. Consultant discussed with provider to notify the department prior to resuming transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/25/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 12/16/2020	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 11/05/2020	
Staff # 17	Met

**Records Reviewed: 27**

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

Date of Hire: 11/01/2020

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 07/09/2019

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Staff # 27 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021**

**Corrected on 3/16/2022**

**Previous citation corrected. Staff records were observed to be complete with annual training for 2021.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

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