



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

**Date:** 7/22/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:30 PM    **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-30381**

**The Goddard School**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/22/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/11/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

**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.

**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	Back Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	18	18	C	21	C	30	C	Free Play,Centers
Main	First Right	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Fourth Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Front Left	Infants	3	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Floor Play
Main	Second Left	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Second Right	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Third Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 158

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 167

Total # Children this Date: 100

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 167

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Play A	40	C
Main	Play B-Infant	58	C

**Comments**

Background checks were all reviewed on July 20, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 22, 2021 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the 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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Sharon Washington, Program Official

Date

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Leena Mitchell, Consultant

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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.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**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**

A virtual walk through was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center appeared to be clean and well maintained upon virtual walk through.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual walk through of the playground was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff and children during virtual visit.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020**

**Corrected on 7/22/2021**

**.17(7) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed a temperature reading of the running water to be 80 degrees Fahrenheit during the virtual visit.**

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020**

**Corrected on 7/22/2021**

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.22 Parental Access****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.22 - consultant discussed with provider that as of July 1, 2021, custodial parent(s) of the child shall be permitted access to all child care areas of the child care program at any time their child is in attendance.

**Correction Deadline: 7/22/2021**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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. Staff stated proper safe sleep policy and procedure during virtual visit.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the following rule with the Provider on this date: 591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

**Correction Deadline: 7/22/2021**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 23**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/27/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/22/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/28/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/2015	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/16/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2014	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	
Staff # 11	Met

**Records Reviewed: 23****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/22/2021

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

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/2008

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2021

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2020

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 08/28/2018

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2021

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2014

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2019

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 05/19/2021

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

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2010

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2011

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

The director provided four files for staff members hired since the previous visit conducted on March 26, 2021. The consultant observed four of four newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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