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Date: 9/19/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-21724

The Goddard School

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
09/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/10/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/01/2022	Licensing Study	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
Back Left Building	Back Room		0	0	C	48	C	NA	NA	
Back Left Building	basement	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	38	C	NA	NA	Nap
Back Left Building	Downstairs Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Back Left Building	Right Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	1L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	22	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	1R	Infants and One Year Olds	4	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Floor Play
Main	2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Story
Main	2R	One Year Olds	3	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	3L	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3R	One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	4L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Free Play
Main	4R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5R	Two Year Olds	3	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap

Main	6R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Far Back Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 197		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 373			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infants and Toddlers	102	C
Main	B- Preschool	93	C
Main	C- School Age	79	C

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on this date.

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

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 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)



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 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.25(3) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the playground areas to be in good repair and fences meeting measurement requirements.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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, six children hands were not washed before and after diapering in Classroom 1R.

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: 9/19/2023**Recited on 9/19/2023****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety**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****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on observation, three classrooms cots and mats were not labeled for individual use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023****Corrected on 9/19/2023**

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have appropriate safe sleep on this date.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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
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Comment

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

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff supervising children at all times and providing direct supervision.