



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/7/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-11077

Goddard School, The

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Joint with: LaToya Longshore

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 Same

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.
11/07/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/28/2022	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	Front Lobby		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1L-H	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 1R-A	Infants	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 2L-G	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 2R-B	One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 3L-F	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	22	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	Room 3R-C	One Year Olds	1	10	NC	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 4R-D	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 5R-E	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 85					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infant- 2yr old	34	C
Main	B- Preschool-Schoolage	47	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit jointly with LaToya Longshore and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted June 26, 2023.

Consultant gave an updated copy of the transportation form to center director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/07/2023

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.decgal.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

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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Stephanie Didier, Program Official	Date
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LaToya Longshore, Regional Consultant	Date
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Marquita Brown-Opeloyeru, Regional Consultant	Date
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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-12 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

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

591-1-1-25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Comment

591-1-1-25(15) - Ensure storage or equipment area are separated from the children by a barrier or enclosure or child gate and not accessible to the children in classroom 2R.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

Technical Assistance

Ensure all unused electrical outlets within reach of children have protective caps to prohibit children from placing anything in the receptacle.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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 room 3L-F, there were no functioning exhaust fan while diapering in 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: 11/7/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Remove straps on diaper changing station in Room 2R-B.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, non-porous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on classroom observation in classroom 3L-F, the diaper changing surface was not cleaned between each diaper change after changing three diapers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, non-porous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

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 classroom observation in classroom 3L-F, a staff member did not have two children out of three wash hands after diaper changing.

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: 11/7/2023**Comment**

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) -Staff members in the infant classroom was seen washing infants hands correctly.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation in classroom 3L-F, a staff member did not wash their hands with soap or water after changing three children diapers back to back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed in classroom 1L-H.

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Consultant left the provider a copy of the updated transportation form.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 - Ensure there are enough sheets for each cot in Room 4R-D.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Corrected on 11/7/2023

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected. Staff members have a Records Check Application and fingerprints on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Corrected on 11/7/2023

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected. Each staff member had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check determination on file.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation, in classroom 3L-F, one staff member was observed with ten one-year-old children which was not the required 1:8 ratio. It was further determined based on observation, in classroom 3R-C, one staff member was observed with eleven two-year-olds, not meeting the required 1:10 ratio.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

Comment

Discussed ratios of classroom requirements.