



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 12/11/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:55 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-38314

The Goddard School

2375 Log Cabin Drive Smyrna, GA 30080 Cobb County
(770) 432-1231

Regional Consultant

Alison Benson

Phone: (866) 369-6921

Fax: (866) 370-1204

alison.benson@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
12/11/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/16/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/14/2024	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
Bldg.	A-1 (Pelicans)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
Bldg.	A-2		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Bldg.	B (Belugas)	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Bldg.	C (Turtles)	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg.	D (Crabs)	One Year Olds	3	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg.	E (Clownfish)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg.	F (Lobsters)	Two Year Olds	3	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg.	G (Starfish)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	96	C	21	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg.	H (Seahorses)	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg.	I (Dolphins)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg.	J (Jellyfish)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg.	K-Upstairs (Sharks)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 224			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg.	Back	22	C
Bldg.	Front	47	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
15	28	35	40	39	11	0

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decal.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Summary Report

Date: 12/11/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:55 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-38314

The Goddard School

2375 Log Cabin Drive Smyrna, GA 30080 Cobb County
(770) 432-1231

Regional Consultant

Alison Benson

Phone: (866) 369-6921

Fax: (866) 370-1204

alison.benson@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation, the following soft child sized furniture were observed to be worn and torn and in need to be replaced.

C- Multi - Colored climbing Shapes

D- Blue and Red Chairs

E- Tear in Diaper pad

H- Red Chair

J- Red and Green Chairs

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are replaced.

Correction Deadline: 12/25/2025

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

N/A

Comment

The 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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Comment

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

	Safety
--	---------------

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
------------------------------------	------------

Comment

The center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
---------------------------------------	------------

Comment

The center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
--	---

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

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 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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)	Met
--	------------

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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

The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.