



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

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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 6/14/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-38314**

**The Goddard School**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
06/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/30/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/22/2021	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	3	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Bldg.	A-2		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Bldg.	B (Belugas)	Infants	3	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg.	C (Turtles)	One Year Olds	3	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg.	D (Crabs)	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Bldg.	E (Clownfish)	Two Year Olds	3	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg.	F (Lobsters)	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg.	G (Starfish)	Three Year Olds	3	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg.	H (Seahorses)	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Bldg.	I (Dolphins)	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg.	J (Jellyfish)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Bldg.	K-Upstairs (Sharks)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	28	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 126

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

**Comments**

An in-person inspection was conducted on January 14, 2022 with the Provider. An Administrative Review was conducted on June 21, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

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 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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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Carla Brown, Program Official

Date

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Evelyn McBurse, Consultant

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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**

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)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 7**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records** **Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed complete emergency drills.

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 32****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/23/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/06/2013	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2005	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/26/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/20/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2021	
Staff # 8	Met

**Records Reviewed: 32****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 05/02/2022

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

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/2021

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 11/22/2021

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2016

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2021

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2020

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2018

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2021

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2017

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2018

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2021

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 05/24/2021

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 06/12/2013

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 12/07/2020

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 12/21/2020

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2016

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2021

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2021

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2021

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2016

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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

**Comment**

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit on November 30, 2021.

**Comment**

Satisfactory comprehensive criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff on this date.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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.

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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.