



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/10/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:10 AM **Departure:** 3:50 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. |
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| 05/10/2023 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 06/01/2022 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 03/14/2022 | Incident Investigation Closure | 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 and Five Year Olds | 2 | 22 | C | 38 | C | NA | NA | Lunch, Transitioning, Nap |
| Back Left Building | Downstairs Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 24 | C | NA | NA | |
| Back Left Building | Right Room | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1 | 11 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Lunch, Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Main | 1L | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 1R | Infants and One Year Olds | 4 | 14 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play, Nap |
| Main | 2L | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 22 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 2R | One Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | 3L | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2 | 20 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 3R | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 11 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | 4L | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 17 | C | 24 | C | NA | NA | Nap |

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| Main | 4R | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | 5R | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 19 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 6R | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 19 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | Far Back Middle | Three Year Olds | 2 | 19 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Lunch,TV,Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 240 | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | 0 | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 209 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | 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

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on June 1, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/10/2023

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.dec.al.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!

Carmen Griffin, Program Official

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

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.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, tape dispensers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the handicap bar was loose in the left restroom in classroom Far Back Middle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that electrical outlets are covered.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a gap measuring approximately five inches under the fence at the back of playground B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(7) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that foods associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to children less than four years of age.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

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)**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 that two children did not wash their hands after using the restroom in basement classroom.

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: 5/10/2023

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.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that children's sheets cover the entire surface of the mat to provide a barrier between the child's body and the mat.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was asleep in a swing and covered with a blanket in classroom 1R..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit June 1, 2022.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| 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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that center staff were not in the same area as infant and one-year-old children in classroom 1R. Two staff members were in the kitchen area and two staff members were in the sleeping area. Further, staff were not seated within arm's reach of one and two-year-old children eating lunch in classroom 4R. One staff member was standing near the children and a second staff member was moving from the eating area to the other side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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