



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: 3/7/2024 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 10:50 AM Departure: 2:25 PM

CCLC-48696

Special Investigations Unit Sr. Specialist

The Goddard School

Lesley Barrett

3467 Pierce Drive Chamblee, GA 30341 DeKalb County
(678) 606-9300 DCHAMBLEEGA@GODDARDSCHOOLS.COM

Phone: (404) 478-8125
Fax: (404) 382-5062
lesley.barrett@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address
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.
03/07/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/24/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/19/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
			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.

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	A/5 - 18-24 months	One Year Olds	3	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B/7- young 2's	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	C/8 - 6wks-6months	Infants	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Feeding
Main	D/9 - 6mth - 12mth	Infants	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E/10 - 1 year old	One Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	F/11 - 1 year old	One Year Olds	3	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G/12 - 1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	H/15 - 3 to 8 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	I/14 - older 2's	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	J/16 - 3 to 8 years old	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	K/13 - 3 to 8 years old	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	AL/-All Ages	17	C
Main	B/M - 3 to 8 years	22	C
Main	C/r - 6wks to 2 years	33	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and follow up the previous visit conducted on January 24, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/07/2024

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!

Kimberly Cook, Program Official

Date

Lesley Barrett, Special Investigations Unit Sr.
Specialist

Date



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

(Findings Report)

Date: 3/7/2024 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 10:50 AM Departure: 2:25 PM

CCLC-48696

The Goddard School

3467 Pierce Drive Chamblee, GA 30341 DeKalb County
(678) 606-9300 DCHAMBLEEGA@GODDARDSCHOOLS.COM

Special Investigations Unit Sr.
Specialist

Lesley Barrett

Phone: (404) 478-8125

Fax: (404) 382-5062

lesley.barrett@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address
Same

The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

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 that the blue couch in classroom H was not in good repair. Consultant observed rips and exposed foam coming from the tears in the couch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Recited on 3/7/2024

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.25(13) - Previously cited rule violation regarding hazardous items being accessible to children was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.25(3) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that a barrier was placed over the small section of the wall that had peeling paint to ensure that the hazard was inaccessible to the children present in the classroom. The center has scheduled for the peeling paint to be repaired within the month.

