



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/12/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-31859**

**A.A.I.M.S. Montessori School**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/25/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/19/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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.

**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-1L 6 wks-18mnths	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-1R 18-23 mnths	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-2L 3-12 years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-2R 3-6 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Upstairs 1L	PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Upstairs 1R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 2L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs Back	Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-6 wks-2 years	22	C
Main	Playground B- 3-12 years	26	C
Main	Playground C- Back	43	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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### Findings Report

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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.

**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**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**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.

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Food Service

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on an observation that two children in the infant/toddler classroom A1L were sitting in bucket seats at a table and were not strapped in using the provided safety straps.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use and that children are securely strapped into the seats.

**Correction Deadline: 2/12/2018****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged; appropriate vaccination records provided.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

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Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 01/05/2015	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/01/2008	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/04/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/18/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/28/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/29/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/18/2015	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/22/2011	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/08/2013	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2008	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/01/2011	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/25/2012	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/01/2011	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/25/2017**

**Corrected on 2/12/2018**

**.33(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all staff to have completed the required Health and Safety Orientation training.**

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

**Comment**

Lead staff education requirements are met.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.