



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 10/16/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:40 AM

**Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-3415**

**Athens Montessori School Day Care Program**

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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.
10/16/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/04/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/07/2017	Monitoring Visit	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
Building A	Left	Three Year Olds	3	22	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building A	Right	Three Year Olds	2	24	C	34	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building B	Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building B	Middle		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Building B	Right		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building C	Left	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Building C	Right	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	33	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/16/2018

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), 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).

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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Warren McPherson, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Facility</b>
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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that all items that pose a risk to children are placed out of their reach.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilience. It was determined based on observation that there was inadequate resilient surfacing underneath all climbing and swinging equipment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2018**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that jungle gym equipment had splintering posts, a hole approximate 10 inches wide that posed as a tripping hazard, and the rope bridge was frayed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2018**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

The center do not care for diapered children. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

**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**

Pleasant naptime environment observed. The program does not care for infant-aged children

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 20**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2002

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/29/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2014

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2010

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/04/2016

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2008

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2013

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2016

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2017

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2016

**Records Reviewed: 20**

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

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Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 08/18/2014	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/1978	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2009	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20**

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

**Comment**

Director provided 5 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.  
Discussed the new criminal record requirements that were effective 10/1/2018.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.