



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-32723

Montessori Kids Academy

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Same

Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
09/12/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/19/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/10/2023	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
Main	100-Cassatt	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	200-Cezanne	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	300-Van Gogh	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	400-Dali	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	500-Renoir	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	7	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	600-Michelangelo (Upstairs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers
Main	700-Monet (upstairs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers
Main	800-Renibrandt (upstairs)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	900-Da Vinci (Upstairs)	Six Year Olds and Over	3	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 104		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Infant PG	8	C
Main	B Preschool PG	20	C
Main	C 6-9 years PG	15	C
Main	D Playground Open Area	8	C
Main	E School Age PG	17	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	18	12	41	0	44

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. New staff files and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

- Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.
- Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant email copy of Required Reporting Guidelines.

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.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!



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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

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please ensure that the restroom vents are cleaned regularly throughout the building to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

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.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed proper potty training procedures on this date.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per director the center does not currently dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Consultant observed a yellow Canary in classroom 700 and a Guinea Pig in classroom 900, both animals were maintained clean and appropriately caged on this date.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Consultant observed cots labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Director provided three staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on March 19, 2024. Three of three new hires were observed to have satisfactory comprehensive record check electronically.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 9/12/2024

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed comprehensive records checks to be satisfactory and complete on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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