



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/14/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-48023

Discovery Montessori of Georgia

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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.
09/14/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/04/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/09/2026	Complaint 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
Main	A- 1L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	26	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- 4L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	E- 2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main	F- 1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 74			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

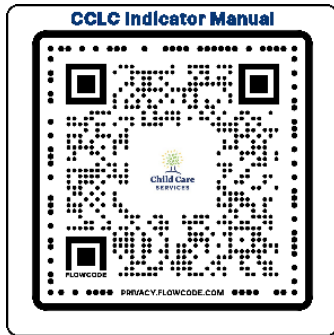
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	13	C
Main	B- Left	31	C

Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only
6	27	45	18	0	0

Comments

Consultant conducted an Exit Conference with the Provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.decal.ga.gov>.

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!



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Summary 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 on this date.

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 on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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 one of the two toilets in the 2L classroom had the tank top missing.

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: 9/28/2026

Recited on 9/14/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed additional resilient surface in the fall zones.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2026

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/14/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The wooden bench was removed from the playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(2) - Discussed that medication should be housed and dispensed out of its original container labeled with the child's name or as authorized under Georgia law.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2026

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.13(5) - Discussed utilizing a field trip form to list the children and adults participating in the trip.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2026

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/14/2026

.13(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children have evidence of medical emergency medical information forms accessible when leaving the property.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

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.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 21

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 12 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 15 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 19 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 20 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 22 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 23 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of records Staff #6, Staff #8, Staff #11, Staff #13, Staff #22 and Staff #23 did not have evidence of Health and Safety training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records Staff #23 did not have the required four hours of nutrition training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on a review of records Staff #2 had 5.5/10 required hours, Staff #6 had 0/10 required hours, Staff #10 had 0/10 required hours, Staff #11 had 7.5/10 required hours, Staff #17 had 5/10 required hours, Staff #19 had 0/10 required hours, Staff #20 had 0/10 required hours, Staff #21 had 0/10 required hours, Staff #22 had 2/10 required hours, Staff #23 had 4/10 required hours and Staff #24 had 8/10 required hours of annual training for 2025. It was also determined Staff #1, Staff #4, Staff #5, Staff #6, Staff #10, Staff #15, Staff #19, Staff #20, Staff #21, Staff #22 and Staff #23 did not have the required two hours of Language and Literacy training for 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(6) requires that evidence of orientation and training shall be documented and maintained in the Personnel file and/or Georgia's workforce registry and professional development system of each Staff member and shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records Staff #2, Staff #4, Staff #6, Staff #7, Staff #8, Staff #9, Staff #10, Staff #12, Staff #15, Staff #17, Staff #19, Staff #20, Staff #22, Staff #23, and Staff #24 did not have evidence of orientation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement procedures to review staff records for documentation of training and orientation, to obtain and place missing documentation in staff records, and to file such documents in staff records or through Georgia's workforce registry and professional development system on an ongoing basis.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2026

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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)**Met****Comment**

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