



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/25/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:05 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-49725

Richmond Hill Montessori Preschool

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
02/25/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/25/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/15/2025	Incident Investigation 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	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Main	D	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	M	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	N	One Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 301					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 306					
Total # Children this Date: 196					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 306					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (Right)	83	C
Main	B (Front L)	29	C
Main	C (Middle L)	43	C
Main	D (Back L)	67	C

Comments

The purpose of the study was to complete a CI follow up

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.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.12(2) - Center removed and discarded the play kitchen in Room F.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.25(13) - Consultant observed the following on this date:

- Room A: The cabinet was secured with a lock
- Room C: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room D: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room E: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room G: All cabinets were locked and secured and no hazards were accessible to the children
- Room H: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room I: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room J: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room M: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Room N: No hazards were accessible to the children
- Cafeteria: No hazards were accessible to the children

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.25(3) - Consultant observed drawer front under the sink in Room A repaired.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.15(2) - Consultant observed and discussed with staff the correct number of feeding plans in room A & B. All feeding plans were placed in a binder located in each room.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.15(6)(b) - Consultant observed an infant being feed from an individual plate in room B on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.10(4) - Consultant observed changing pads in room A, C, and N clean and free from any tears with a nonporous surface.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.17(7) - Consultant observed hand washing procedures conducted through out the facility on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.17(8) - Consultant observed and discussed hand washing procedures with staff throughout the facility on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.20(1) - Consultant discussed with the Director and observed parental authorization on file on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.20(2) - Consultant discussed medication procedures with the Director and reviewed current medication documents on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.20(4) - Consultant discussed proper storage of medication requiring refrigeration and not accessible to children. Consultant observed all medication not accessible and out of reach of children.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.36(4)(a) - Consultant discussed and reviewed the annual vehicle inspection on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.36(6) - Consultant discussed and reviewed current transportation documentation for parental consent and authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.36(7)(d)1. - Consultant discussed and reviewed current transportation documentation for accuracy.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - Consultant discussed and reviewed current transportation documentation for accuracy.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.30(4) - Consultant observed nap time and discussed with the Director proper storage of child's bedding.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.14(1) - Consultant discussed and reviewed current CPR certifications for all present staff members.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.14(1)(a) - Consultant reviewed CPR/First Aid certificates for drivers or staff present on vehicle.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.24(1) - Consultant discussed and reviewed personal files for all present staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.33(1) - Consultant discussed and reviewed evidence of orientation on newly hired staff since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.33(3) - Consultant reviewed and discussed training hours for newly hired staff since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.33(5) - Consultant reviewed and discussed training hours for newly hired staff since last visit.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.31(13) - Consultant observed current vehicle tag expiring March 2025.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.32(1) - Consultant observed that each classroom met staff: child ratios throughout the center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.32(2) - Consultant observed adequate staffing and in ratio in Room A and throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

.32(7) - Consultant observed adequate and appropriate supervision throughout the center on this date.