



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/15/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-35493

Montessori Academy at Sharon Springs

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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.
04/15/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/17/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
12/13/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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 1st Left Blue	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	B 2nd Left Green	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	C 3rd Left Mint	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D 1st right Daisy	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	10	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Outside
Main	E 2nd Right Tulip	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Diapering
Main	F 3rd Rt Yellow	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 95					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Front Rt Elementary	13	C
Main	PG Rear	165	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	5	16	33	22	0	48

Comments

Reminders:

-Please ensure to complete all temporary closures by 8 a.m. (vacation, emergencies, school closures, holidays etc...) in DECAL KOALA at all times under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily when you are not caring for children for one day or more. Please be sure to SAVE the report prior to exiting.

-Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

-All amendments are required to be electronically entered in DECAL KOALA effective August 2, 2021.

-Please ensure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account.

-For centers conducting or planning on conducting transportation, please remember that the transportation training certificates must be completed prior to participating in transportation and renewed every two years for anyone checking the vehicle, chaperoning on a trip, and signing the checklist, including the director. Please ensure that directors ensure that they also complete the transportation training upon being hired at the center. *Please don't forget to do a physical first and second check (and document by signing) of vehicles used to transport children.

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.decal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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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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)

Met

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. Please ensure to monitor ceiling tiles/panels for stains, water damage, dust, etc.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. However, please ensure to monitor the playground for items that could possibly pose a hazard in the future:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., cracked/broken equipment and toys, chipped paint, etc.).
- Standing water in and/or around playground/outside equipment and/or toys.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

591-1-1-11 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) Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met

Comment

Director provided [two] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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