



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-3968

Rising Star Montessori School

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Same

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.
12/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/02/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/09/2023	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	A-Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-Back		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- Far Back (Toddler)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All-In-One	198	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	9	13	13	9	36

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and conduct a Licensing Study.

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:

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@decal.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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the air purifiers are made inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that the bathroom in the Toddler room has an operating exhaust.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that essential oil diffusers are inaccessible to the children and are used with written parental permission of all children in the classroom due to allergies.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that the white picket fence on the Toddler play area is at least 48 inches high and does not have gaps larger than three and a half inches and the plants growing on the back of the fence of the large playground are removed.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure that the resilient surface in the fall zones is as required for the following equipment:

- * Regular swings-at least six inches of mulch.
- * Climbing walls and slides that are more than five feet high- at least six inches.
- * Slide on the toddler playground (42 inches high)- at least three inches of mulch.

Correction Deadline: 12/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that the tree roots are painted and the leaves accumulated by the fence on the right side of the big playground are removed

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Food is brought from home. No cooking on site.

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Please ensure that there is working exhaust in the Toddler room.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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

Only emergency medication was reported. Nothing was administered since the last visit. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Discussed with the Director that the following Amendment applications need to be submitted:

- * Adding two-year-olds to the ages served. Currently the program is licensed for ages three and up.
- * Adding building for the Toddler room (currently the room is listed in the main building).
- * Adding Toddler playground and Toddler play area in front of the room. Currently the program has one licensed playground for 198 children.

There are 1 (one) toilet and 2 (two) sinks in the Toddler Building which limits the capacity to 12 children. There are 3 (three) toilets and 5 sinks in the Main building which limits the capacity to 50.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - Please ensure that the required emergency drills are completed and documented. A copy of the agency sample Drills form was shared on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Please ensure that the Emergency Plans are updated to include all required topics. A copy of a sample Emergency Plan template was shared with the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2024

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

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

Comment

There is a chicken coup on the property. Per the Director the children from the Licensed program do not take care of the chickens. Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

The program goes on Field Trips with the parents present. 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**

No infants present or enrolled. 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

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**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

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