



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/28/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:45 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-3415

Athens Montessori School Day Care Program

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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.
10/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/06/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2022	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
Building A	Left	Five Year Olds	2	10	NC	34	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Building A	Right	Five Year Olds	2	10	C	34	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building B	Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building B	Middle-Rainbow	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building B	Right		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building C	Left		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Building C	Right-green	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	33	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building B	Rainbow Playground Main	237	C
Building C	Playground C	57	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	20	14	20	3

Comments

A licensing study was conducted on this date.

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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) Monitor area rugs/throw rugs to ensure they are secure and not posing a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 10/28/2024

.25(17) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. No thorny plants were observed on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 10/28/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that new fencing was observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - 591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.

Playground hazards include, but are not limited to, the following:

? Glass

? Trip hazards

? Uneven turf

? Exposed bricks/cinder blocks

? Exposed concrete edges

? Open grating

? Slippery areas

? Yard debris (dead tree limbs/branches/pine cones, etc.)

? Exposed tree roots/rocks

? Tall grass

? Trash

? Garden tools/equipment and lawn maintenance items (lawn mowers, weed eaters, ant killer, weed sprays, plant foods, etc.)

? Potholes

? Exposed wiring

? Poor drainage

? Standing water

? Grills

? Heating and cooling equipment

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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

All meals and snacks are provided from the parents. The "sack lunch" requirements were emailed to the director on this date.

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

There are no children enrolled in the program who required diapers, Ages 3-6 are enrolled in the non-exempt program on this date.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 10/28/2024

.20(3) - The previous citation was corrected. The program does not administer medicine.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Director provided 15 file(s) for employees hired since last visit on June 6, 2023.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023

Corrected on 10/28/2024

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that 100% of staff had evidence of current first aid/cpr.

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.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

Currently the school enrolls children three years of age and older. Consultant reviewed rule 591-1-1-.32(4) which requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances, in the event older, potty trained two-year-olds may be enrolled in the future.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.