



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/29/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 10:50 AM

CCLC-3232

Arbor Montessori School-Lavista Campus

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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.
03/29/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/09/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/08/2021	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	Downstairs Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	19	C	42	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Downstairs Middle		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	
Main	Downstairs Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Downstairs Right 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	22	C	41	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Nap Room (Inside Downstairs 2)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks					
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	150	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on March 29, 2022. An onsite inspection was conducted on March 29, 2022 with the Director Margaret Ronke.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/29/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Margaret Ronke, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Consultant

Date

LaTanya Barber-Swift, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to sweet gum tree balls, pine cones, and exposed tree trunk with hole in center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center will check each playground daily for any hazards such as sweet gum tree balls, pine cones, limbs, debris, etc.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Playground equipment shall be free of hazards such as the chipped peeling paint on the yellow handlebars of the small playground equipment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center will check outdoor play equipment for hazards and paint yellow handlebars on small playground equipment by April 8, 2022.

Food Service**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2022

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****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: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2013	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2006	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2007	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.