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Date: 7/23/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 3:00 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.
07/23/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/23/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/01/2025	POI Follow Up	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	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B	Infants	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Main	D	One Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap
Main	F	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Main	H	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Main	I	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Lunch
Main	J	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art, Centers
Main	K	Six Year Olds and Over	3	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Free Play

Main	L	Four Year Olds	3	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Nap
Main	M	Four Year Olds	3	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Free Play, Transitioning
Main	N	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 301					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 306					
Total # Children this Date: 162					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

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	28	22	28	27	0	45

Comments

The Consultant reviewed the visit report with the Assistant Director, Ms. Catalina Sanin,

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a CI/LS:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2025

Prior Visits: 04/01/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2025

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date in that the Consultant observed the the playground including the walk way adjacent to the play equipment to be clean and free of any hazards as required.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****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-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please denote the full address of field trip destination.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2025

Prior Visits: 04/01/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2025

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date in that the Consultant observed that infants in Room A was asleep in a safety-approved crib as required.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete and satisfactory.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

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

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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 on this date.

Comment

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