



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/10/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-32723

Montessori Kids Academy

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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.
05/10/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/08/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/13/2021	Licensing Study	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	100-Cassatt	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside,Breakfast
Main	200-Cezanne	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	300-Van Gogh	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	400-Dali	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time
Main	500-Renoir	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time
Main	600-Michelangelo (Upstairs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	700-Monet (upstairs)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	800-Renibrandt (upstairs)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	900-Da Vinci (Upstairs)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 130		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Infant PG	8	C
Main	B Preschool PG	20	C
Main	C 6-9 years PG	15	C
Main	D Playground Open Area	8	C
Main	E School Age PG	17	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 8, 2023.

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
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- 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!

Charlotte Pixley, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, 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)

Not Evaluated

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.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazardous items:

- Refill resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the sliding structure located on the front-left playground.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Vines protruding through the fence becoming accessible to the children present for care.
- Exposed tree roots (i.e., potential tripping hazard, etc.).
- Loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.

Health and Hygiene

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

The diapering areas were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The center does not provide routine school and home transportation services. The center only provides field trip services.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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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
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the following criminal record check reminders with the director:

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Comment

The director provided seven files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on March 8, 2022. The consultant observed seven of seven newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter.

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.