



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/21/2023 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

CCLC-37849

Tomorrow's Hope Montessori School

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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.
09/21/2023	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/18/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
06/26/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Support	

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 2	Primary/ elementary	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1L Multipurpose Room	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	4L	Four Year Olds	2	22	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Outside
Main	A- 2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- 3L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- 3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Outside
Main	D- 2R	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E- 1R	Infants	3	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 129			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Right Side	51	C
Main	B - Left Side	69	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit . Staff files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/21/2023

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!

Chelsea Ward, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

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) **N/A**

Comment

Per provider the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 - The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that the vents are cleaned regularly throughout the building..

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., plastic bags, bleach, brooms, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- The normal wear and tear of fencing areas.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

The director provided seven staff files for employees hired since last visit.

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
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

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