



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/6/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 2:55 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.
06/06/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/24/2021	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
Building A	Left		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Right		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
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		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	NC	34	C	NA	NA	Snack
Building C	Right		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 18			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

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on March 22, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/06/2023

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.al.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!

Chelsea Sweaney, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Region 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

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

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 met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that thorny plants were growing on the middle playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure all electrical outlets are covered.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the left side of the fence on the left playground measured three feet, ten inches in height and the right chain link fence on the right playground measured three feet, eight inches in height. Playground fences must be four feet high. It was further determined that there were loose wires on the fence on the left playground to the right of the gate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

No diapered children enrolled.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20 - Consultant discussed with the director proper medication documentation and procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have documentation of medication dispensed since the last visit on March 22, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with the director to submit an amendment to add rooms designated "not in use" to their licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Children do not nap in the summer program. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit March 22, 2022.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #6, hire date August 1, 2022, s and staff #16, hire date August 12, 2020, did not have evidence of current certification in CPR/first aid training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023

Recited on 6/6/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Corrected on 6/6/2023

.31(1)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Director has documentation of having completed 40-hour director's training.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.