



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

**Date:** 8/15/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 10:20 AM

**CCLC-38551**

**Montessori Joy Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/13/2021	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	After School Room		0	0	C	8	C	12	C		
Main	Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	23	C	NA	NA	Snack,Free Play	
Main	Primary	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	30	C	NA	NA	Homework,Centers,Snack	
Main	Toddler		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			62			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			62		
Total # Children this Date: 11			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			62		
									Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
									Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler Playground	8	C
Main	Toddler/Primary Playground	75	C

**Comments**

An in person visit and administrative review were conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/15/2022

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/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



### 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](mailto: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](http://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)

Teresa Turner, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, 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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following items were accessible to children in care:

adult knife in a drawer of the Primary Class

-cat food and kitty litter on the porch of the Primary room

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

## Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022  
.15(7) - Citation corrected.

## 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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

## Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

**Comment**

Animal requirement discussed on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Evaluated

**Comment**

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.

**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: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2022

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 03/07/2022

Staff # 3 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/08/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met  
Date of Hire: 12/03/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**  
The center had two new hires since the last regulatory visit.

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

**Comment**  
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**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) Not Met**

**Finding**  
591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the Infant Classroom a one-year-old child was eating and staff was not seated within arms length away.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**  
The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022**