



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/23/2023 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:45 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.
01/23/2023	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/05/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
09/02/2022	Incident Investigation & 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	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Main	D	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music,Transitioning
Main	E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F	Two Year Olds	3	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	25	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Story
Main	J	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K	GA PreK	2	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	L	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	M	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transitioning
Main	N	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 301	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 306
Total # Children this Date: 217	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 301	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

Comments

This was the second visit of the fiscal year.

Program is a 3 Star Quality rated program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/23/2023

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.decga.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!

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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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/6/2022

Corrected on 1/23/2023

.20(1) - Consultant observed proper medication documentation on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

Corrected on 1/23/2023

.29(3) - Program has not had to complete a required report since last visit. Proper reporting was discussed with the Director on this date.

Safety

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**

Correction Deadline: 7/6/2022

Corrected on 1/23/2023

.13(6) - Program stated that they have not completed any recent field trips.

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**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that employee number 37 was present with an expire Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

Corrected on 1/23/2023

.14(1) - Consultant observed that the program had over 50% of the staff with current CPR and first aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Corrected on 1/23/2023

.33(3) - Consultant observed that all new employees had completed the required health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.