



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

**Date:** 7/23/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-49701**

**CHI Montessori Academy, INC**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/23/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/12/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/28/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

**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.

**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- 12mths - 35 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-12 mths- 35mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story,Floor Play
Main	C-6wks-12mths	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Music
Main	D/3-5 yrs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E/3-5 yr olds	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F- 6 - 9 yrs old		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G upstairs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 6wks- 35 mths	20	C
Main	B- 3-9 yr olds	47	C

**Comments**

. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 23 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/23/2021

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

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Sharon Suitt, Program Official

Date

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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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting was discussed with the Director.

**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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to be compliant with the licensed capacity.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through no hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through diapering was not directly observed. Staff stated proper knowledge of the rules this date.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through hand washing was not directly observed. Staff stated proper knowledge of the hand washing rules this date.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a pleasant nap time environment was observed. Staff stated proper knowledge of the infant sleep position this date.

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2018

Staff # 6 Met

**Records Reviewed: 19**

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

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Date of Hire: 07/06/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2014

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 11/12/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through Criminal record checks were observed to be complete in Koala Outback.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.