



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/19/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 2:10 PM    **Departure:** 4:10 PM

**CCLC-1087**

**Montessori School of Woodstock**

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<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.
04/19/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/08/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/10/2016	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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 (L1)		0	0	NC	32	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B L2 (left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B L2(right)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C (L3)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D (L4)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	31	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	E (R1)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 44

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	64	C
Main	Rear (Playground)	44	C
Main	Right (Playground)	12	C

**Comments**

Requested all staff files on this date.

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).



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**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)

Patricia Shahbazi, Program Official

Date

Leah Klatzker, Consultant

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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2)(c) requires that equipment and furniture be placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision. It was determined based on observation that a low shelf running horizontal through the B L2 (right) classroom, had ceramic pots and glass vases with plants inside of them creating a tipping hazard as the children can reach the base of the vessels.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will re-position the identified equipment and/or furniture and the director will view each classroom to verify appropriate make changes, as needed, and have a system to monitor these items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be inaccessible to children. Unsafe storage of materials dangerous to children was observed as follows: It was determined based on observation that two pairs of adult scissors were accessible in an unlocked cabinet in classroom D (L4) on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the center will ensure that adult scissors are not accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that following was observed on this date: upon exiting the classroom A (L1) door to the playground, a nail is protruding from the wooden boarder in front of the door. The yellow tunnel structure on the back-right of the back playground presented a build-up of dirt on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the equipment is maintained and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2017**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Observed-Proper Diapering

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Discussed-Documentation/Procedures

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**Safety**

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

The center does not care for infants.

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**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(e) requires every Employee hired before January 1, 2014 have either a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file and requires that Employees hired before January 1, 2014 that have only a satisfactory Preliminary Records Check Determination on file to obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017. It was determined based on a review of records one person did not have their fingerprint run by the required date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that every employee hired before January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory preliminary determination or satisfactory fingerprint determination on file and will have a plan to ensure that these employees obtain a Fingerprint Records Check Determination before January 1, 2017.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed-Combining Mixed Ages

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that classroom C (L3), had one staff member with thirteen three-year-old children, one four-year-old child and five five-year-old children until a second staff member arrived. The ratio required was 1:15 on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure adequate Staff:child ratios in mixed age groups. The Center will ensure that enough staff are in the room before children arrive for care.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2017**

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision