



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

Date: 5/27/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:05 AM

CCLC-37385

Atlanta Montessori International School

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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.
05/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/24/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/08/2020	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	
Bld 1	Garden		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA		
Bld 1	Honeycomb		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA		
Bld 1	Rosemary		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA		
Bld 1	Tadpoles	Infants	2	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap	
Bld 1	Terrance		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA		
Bld 1	Willow		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Bldg II	Butterflies	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Bldg II	Caterpillars	Infants	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Bldg II	Lilacs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA		
Bldg II	Sprouts	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Bldg II	Sunflowers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play	
Bldg II	Upper- Magnolia		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			122			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			272		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 1	garden	20	C

Bld 1	large	241	C
Bldg II	small	227	C

Comments


Background checks were all reviewed on May 27, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 27, 2021 with the Director.

An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 01, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

The infant feeding plan was discussed with the Director during the virtual visits, for rule changes effective October 01, 2020.



Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 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.state.ga.us/>
 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.state.ga.us

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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)

Katheryne Michelle Carter, 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 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 routinely met by center.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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****Comment**

591-1-1-.15(2)(c) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2021**Comment**

591-1-1-.15(3) - requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Place a thermometer in each refrigerator and monitor the refrigerator's temperature routinely to ensure the temperature remains at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2021**Comment**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Center does not provide transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed. SIDS and infant sleeping position also discussed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 27****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/12/2014	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2015	
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 03/10/2026	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 05/27/2015	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.

Comment

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: 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.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2021

