



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/15/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:25 AM    **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-1087**

**Montessori School of Woodstock**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/02/2021	Licensing Study	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 (L1)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B L2 (left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	B L2(right)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C (L3)		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	D (L4)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	E (R1)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			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**

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

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.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

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.

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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), 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.

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**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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Patricia Shahbazi, Program Official

Date

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Neli Todorova, 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the air purifiers are secured and placed in a way to prevent them from falling or being pulled or pushed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that the exhausts are working in the bathrooms in rooms C and D.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023**

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that all sinks and toilets are working. The provider had submitted a work order and will ensure that all sinks and toilets are operating.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

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

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(1) - Please ensure that all four windows are screened and open during diapering in room B L2 (left) and B L2 (right).

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

**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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**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**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

The program does not serve infants.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages and ensuring that the 20% rule is met.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.