



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/8/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-66301

Angel Learning Center - Smarr

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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.
01/08/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/20/2025	Complaint Closure	Support	
11/17/2025	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main Building	Room A Right Hall 1 R Infants-1 year	Infants	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	Room B Right Hall 2 R Toddler	One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room C Right Hall 3R 2 year	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room D Left Hall 1 L 3-4 year	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room E Left Hall 2 L Younger School Age	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main Building	Room F Left Hall Middle Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 48

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground C School Aged	222	C
Main Building	Playground A Infants	13	C
Main Building	Playground B Toddlers	111	C

Comments

The visit report was completed on January 8, 2026. The visit report was reviewed and discussed with the Director, Emily Meadows.

Plan of Improvement: Developed 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).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.decgal.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.

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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.17(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff stated the proper diapering procedures to keep children clean, dry, and comfortable as required.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.36(4)(c) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the fire extinguisher was replaced as required.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/23/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #6 hired on December 23, 2025, did not have a current satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination electronically ported under the Center's current licensed number as required. Staff #6 was in the present of children in care on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review the rules and regulations to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. 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 review all Staff files to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Based on a review of records that Staff had obtained the pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid certification as required.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that Staff were circulating around the playground and providing adequate supervision for the children in care as required.