



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/14/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-29155

Legacy Academy Suwanee Dam

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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.
04/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/30/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/06/2023	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	A-1L-6wks-12 mnths	Infants	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-2L-12-18mnths	One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-3L-18-24 mnthshs	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-middle Left	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-3yrs-Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-3yrs-Middle Right	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-2R-4 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I-4L-24-35 mnths	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 111		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-6wks-2 yrs	26	C
Main	B-5-12 yrs	74	C
Main	C-3-4 yrs	97	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	22	16	37	54	8	14

Comments

Consultant discussed with the Director the new annual training for Literacy and Language beginning in July and reminded the Director to include all closures in DECAL KOALA.

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.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

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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

591-1-1-06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to children:

-In Room I-4L-24-35 mnths, in the left bathroom, there was a container on the floor that had nine tubes of diaper cream, labeled Keep Out of Reach of Children, on the floor next to the right toilet bowl and a roll of garbage liners were also in the container.

-In Room H-1R-4yrs, there were a pair of adult sized scissors in a draw accessible to children and a stapler was on top of the shelf where the draw was located, on the right side of the classroom adjacent to the windows.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure to monitor the playground for ants and other insects that can be hazardous to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that on Playground B the second middle water spout was disconnected from the plastic extender causing a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please monitor the seats daily in bus PB5820 and bus DGC185 for wear and tear of the vinyl seat covers to be assured they are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)1. requires that cribs be in good repair and free of hazards. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides shall not be used. It was determined based on observation that in Room B-2L-12-18 mnths, that one crib out of eleven, had a tear in the seam of the mattress. The mattress was in the second crib on the right side of the room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove cribs that are not in good repair or that are hazardous and will always provide a crib that is in good repair and is free of hazards for each infant. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides will not be used

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of the records that seven staff out of 28, have not completed the 10 hours on ongoing annual training for the 2024 year as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations regarding educational credentials.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure that when teachers are on the Playground they are positioned in areas that are optimal to have all the children in their line of sight. Please advise staff that if help is needed to supervise, they should call for additional staff to assist.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025