



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 12/18/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-66359

Chroma Early Learning Academy at McDonough

90 Hunters Chase McDonough, GA 30253 Henry County
(470) 594-5605

Regional Consultant

Dyneshia Lynn

Phone: ()

Fax:

dyneshia.lynn@decal.ga.gov

Joint with: Angela Williams-Jackson

Mailing Address

Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
12/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/19/2025	Initial 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
Building A	Room A-1st R Infants	Infants	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Building A	Room B-2nd R 2 year old	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building A	Room C-3rd R 1 Year Olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room D-4th R 3 and 4 year		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room E-5th R 4 year old		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room F-6th R Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room G-6th L Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room H-5th L 4 and 5 year	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building A	Room I-4th L 3 and 4 year old		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room J-3rd L 1 year olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building A	Playground A 1 R	25	C
Building A	Playground B 2 R	65	C
Building A	Playground C-1L	22	C
Building A	Playground D-2L	15	C
Building A	Playground E-3L	50	C
Building A	Playground F-Back	141	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	3	7	8	6	0	5

Comments

All required documents were observed on this date as required.
Exit conference discussing the monitoring visit that was conducted.

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



Summary Report

Date: 12/18/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-66359

Chroma Early Learning Academy at McDonough

90 Hunters Chase McDonough, GA 30253 Henry County
(470) 594-5605

Regional Consultant

Dyneshia Lynn

Phone: ()

Fax:

dyneshia.lynn@dec.al.ga.gov

Joint with: Angela Williams-Jackson

Mailing Address

Same

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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Bathroom exhaust fans in Classrooms E, F, G, H, & J were operable on this date.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by the center on this date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The chipping paint that was on the left and right side walls in Classroom J were in good repair on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(6) requires each child's personal items to be kept in individually labeled cubbies, lockers or racks separated from articles used by other children. The spaces shall be accessible to the children to whom they are assigned. It was determined based on observations that classroom B 114 and J 106 did not provide accessibility for cubby storage to the age being served.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide each child with individually labeled and accessible storage.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

The previous citation has been observed corrected. The full-length glass door in Classrooms B, C, D, E, & I that are not school-age did have decals applied at the eye level of the children.

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 the following were accessible to children on the playground and posed a hazard:

Playground A 2 R

*The turquoise blue metal house had chipped paint, rust and cracked metal around the bottom of all four sides.

Playground E-3L

*The blue metal house had chipped paint throughout.

*The blue metal house had cracked metal at the top left metal bar.

*The blue metal house had a tarp across the top with a hole and frayed ends on the left top side.

*The "S" hooks on all four swing sets had a gap greater than 0.04 inches.

Playground F-Back

*The "S" hooks on all four swing sets on both the blue and green swing bays had a gap greater than 0.04 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected. Playground F resilience surface measured six inches of resilience material on this date.

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 the following were accessible to children on the playground and posed a hazard:

Playground A 1 R

- *Torn black tarp across the back fence.
- *Exposed tree roots at the back right corner and around the swing set.
- *Leaves and pine needles throughout.

Playground A 2 R

- *Torn black tarp across the back fence.
- *Exposed tree roots at the back right corner.
- *Leaves and pine needles throughout.

Playground D-2L

- *Exposed tree roots along the back fence on the left side and the middle fence between this playground and playground E-3L.

Playground F-Back

- *Exposed tree roots throughout.
- *Torn black tarp across the back fence.

Playground E-3L

- *Exposed tree roots along the back fence on the left side, on the left side of the large orange play set and the middle fence between this playground and playground F-Back.

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: 12/31/2025

Recited on 12/18/2025

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure there are no pacifier clip on attached to child once in the facility.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observations that room B-114 the staff did not wash hands after handling bodily fluids in between three children posing a cross contamination hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

: The Consultant discussed with the Director that updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2025**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicle tag #SKC3118 used in transporting children on this date.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that the second left seat had a tear on the right bottom side.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that dates are written on the weekdays.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025****Corrected on 12/18/2025**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. transportation check list was reviewed and second check had signatures for the dates observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025****Corrected on 12/18/2025**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. There were no children present in Classroom J 106.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observations that Infant room A had two children that were sleeping in a bouncy chair posing an upper airway obstruction.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The cots were not observed in the hallway accessible to the children in care.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

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 Observation that Staff #6 hired on 09/05/2025 was not ported over as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will [] 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 [] to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure transportation first aid kit has Anti bacterial cream and protective eyewear.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure Lead staff has qualifications or a Professional Learning Plan to obtain qualifications.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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.