



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/12/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:55 PM **Departure:** 3:35 PM

CCLC-67099

Lake Dow Learning Academy

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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.
05/12/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/24/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/06/2026	Complaint Closure	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
Bldg 1	A 1st Left	Infants	2	2	C	5	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play
Bldg 1	B 2nd Left (behind 1st L)	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	C 3rd Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	D Middle Front		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	E Middle Back		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	G 2nd Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	H 1L: Private Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	J 3L: Afterschool		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	K 3R: Afterschool		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	L 2R: Private Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	M 1R: Private Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 55			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 138			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A Toddler	22	C
Bldg 1	B Preschool	45	C
Bldg 1	C School age	75	C

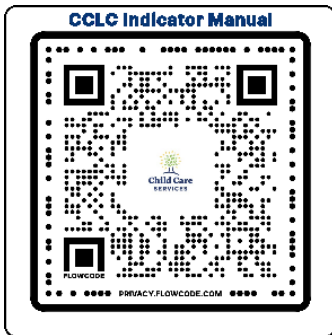
Bldg 1	D Preschool	43	C
Bldg 1	E School age	48	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	6	12	28	6	7	19

Comments

The exit conference was discussed with the Director.
The citation date for the cracked floor has been extended till July 14,2026
The Consultant had manually put in three Staff members who had Lead credentials.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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:

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

The previous citation was observed correct on this date. The Consultant observed the Staff following the schedule posted.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

Corrected on 5/12/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Bldg 2 L 2R: Private Pre-K Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds classroom had been licensed.

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

Defer

Defer

Deadline was extended till July 14, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will ensure that the floors are repaired or replaced in those classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026****Corrected on 5/12/2026**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The centers fence had been replaced on around the playgrounds, meeting the 4 foot high requirements.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026**Corrected on 5/12/2026**

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The left side of the roadway on Bldg 1 B Preschool playground had been repaired.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands 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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed for vehicles tag# SLB2878, tag# SLB2882 and tag# SLB2881 on this date. Vehicle tag# SLB2880 was not operable. Transportation was observed on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that vehicles with tag #SLB2878 and tag #SLB2882 had a missing internal cup base in the cup holder on the left side of the first row which exposed sharp edges and posed a potential entrapment hazard. Additionally, the vehicle with tag #SLB2880 had a missing internal cup base in the cup holder on the left side of the second row which exposed sharp edges and posed a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Director provided nine files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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
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Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no 3-year olds with the 1-year-olds outside.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no 3-year-old children grouped with younger children.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Corrected on 5/12/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Supervision was maintained on playground.