



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/26/2026 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-67898

Early Childhood Center - ILM Academy

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Quality Rated: No

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.
02/26/2026	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	1L-Three Year Old	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	1R-Four- Five years old	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	24	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2L-Two-year old	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	21	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R-Three-Five Years Old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	39	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R-Three-Five Year Olds	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	31	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 89		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	75	C

Comments

The child care program did not receive a final license on this date. The facility does not carry liability insurance. The total capacity is 141

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.dec.al.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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 Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(3) - The consultant discussed with the provider that a music center is required in each classroom on low open shelves and must be made accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2026

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

Met

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. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - The consultant advised the provider of the importance of having all ventilation fans checked for optimal performance.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2026

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 141 children.

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 fire closet and supply closet were unlocked and there were lysol and pink zote, scissors, krub kutt and other chemicals, mops, and toilet brushes. In the 3R-3-year old to 5 year old classroom bathroom there were a stack of plastic bags, aerosol cans and wipes that were accessible to the children. Lastly, there were toilet brushes in all the restrooms as well as brooms and dust pans in the classrooms that were accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all hazardous items are locked and inaccessible to the children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and how to safely store those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant discussed with the provider the importance of ensuring that appropriate garbage cans with lids are used in all classrooms and bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant advised the provider that they should check or replace the mesh that is torn around the air conditioner fence and other areas of the fence and cover with a bright color any roots or tree stumps that were exposed. Also keep a check on the bottom of the fence closest to the air conditioner to ensure it remains less than the 3 inch gap that is required.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date. The provider doesn't use the kitchen to cook. The program requires the parents to provide all food and snacks. The consultant advised the provider and was advised that it was forwarded to the family that all USDA guidelines have to be followed when ordering and preparing the children's lunch. The program has a 3 compartment sink and 2 refrigerators.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering. The consultant discussed with the provider the importance of ensuring that the staff ensure that the water temperature is adjusted to ensure that sinks have the warm running water.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that a sink with warm running water was not adjacent to a changing table in the 2-year old classroom. Furthermore, the diaper changing table was in the restroom which was not allowed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a hand washing sink with warm running water is located adjacent to the diaper changing table and that diaper changing table is removed from the bathroom and placed in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

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

Proper handwashing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(c) prohibits the operation of a Child Care Learning Center without a License or Permit. A separate License or Permit is required for each address or location at which a Center is proposed to be operated even when all of the proposed Centers are owned by the same person or entity. A separate License or Permit is also required for each Center operated at a single location by the same governing body. It was determined based on observation that the child care center was operating without a permit or license.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will cease operation until a valid License or Permit is issued.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not plan to serve infants and no cribs were evaluated on this date. The correct number of cots/mats, sheets, and cover were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Eighteen (18) of eighteen (18) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. The consultant advised the provider that the Montessori concept of freedom of movement must be entwined with the agency's supervision policy. This was a discussion as some of the cubbies were in the hallway along with the restrooms for the 3-year old and older. The consultant advised the provider that supervision is required in both of those scenarios.