



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/8/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 5:20 PM

**CCLC-27584**

**Christian After School Academy (CASA)**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                 |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/08/2025                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/09/2024                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/01/2023                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room     | Age Group                                 | Staff                           | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF.                    | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Left Building                  | D Room 5 |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Left Building                  | E Room 7 |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32 |          |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                      |
| Main                           | A 1R     | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1                               | 12       | C    | 14                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Snack, Transitioning |
| Main                           | B 2nd R  |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 13                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | C L1     | Six Year Olds and Over                    | 4                               | 39       | C    | 61                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Snack                |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88 |          |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 51 |          |                                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                      |

| Building | Playground        | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Left Playground   | 69                   | C                     |
| Main     | Middle Playground | 33                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Playground  | 34                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0                  | 60                |

#### Comments

Discussed rule changes effective July 1st, 2025.

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**





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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center provides afternoon snack only.

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

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

**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.

**Organization****591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Discussed with Director to submit Amendment application to add Room 6, the Art Room and Room 8, the Computer Room as special use rooms to license.

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2025**

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

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for bus with tag #DJM359 and van with tag #PB6651 used in transporting children.

**Comment**

The van with tag #DJM359 and bus with tag #PB6651 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Please ensure that the first aid kits on both vehicles have the following items replaced/replenished: goggles on Van and ice pack on van and bus.

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**

**Corrected on 12/8/2025**

**.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as the Consultant observed completed transportation training for staff member.**

**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 there was a hole on the right seat and tears on two seats on the left side with exposed foam on bus with tag #PB6651. The program was given a Technical Assistance on October 9, 2024.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2024**

**Corrected on 12/8/2025**

**.36(4)(c) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as a fire extinguisher for Bus with tag #DJM359 was observed on the bus.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that children's birthday's are listed on the emergency medical forms.

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the transportation checklist for Friday, December 5, 2025 did not have check marks for unloading for all students.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

**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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/8/2024**

**Corrected on 12/8/2025**

**.14(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as Consultant observed CPR and First Aid training for staff.**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024**

Corrected on 12/8/2025

.33(5) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as Consultant observed complete training documentation.

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.

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival from the bus run the children proceeded to go to the playground without a Staff member present there. Additionally, there were 7 children on the Middle Playground without a Staff member present for approximately 5 minutes. It was also determined that multiple children were going inside the building to the restroom or to get their jackets without a Staff member present to accompany them to and from the building. It was determined that one Staff was not circulating the Playground and was sitting on a bench.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2025**