



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/9/2026

**VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-68840**

**Bundle of Joy Academy**

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Temporary License

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/09/2026                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |

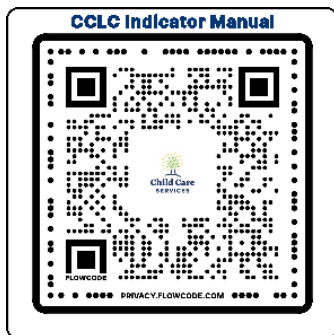
**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room                         | Age Group                                                    | Staff                           | Children | NC/C                          | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                            |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Main                           | A- Jr. Toddler (First Left)  | One Year Olds                                                | 1                               | 3        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                           | B- Sr. Toddler (Second Left) | Two Year Olds                                                | 1                               | 4        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Floor Play, Transitioning |
| Main                           | C- Infants (Third Left)      | Infants and One Year Olds                                    | 1                               | 3        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Lunch                   |
| Main                           | D- GA Pre-K 1 (Back Left)    | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds                            | 2                               | 9        | C                             | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music, Circle Time               |
| Main                           | E- GA Pre-K (Back Right)     | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1                               | 9        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                           | F- Preschool (Middle)        | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                           | 1                               | 12       | C                             | 27         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
|                                |                              |                                                              | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 40 |                              |                                                              | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                  |

| Building | Playground      | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A- Left-Toddler | 16                   | C                     |
| Main     | B-Left-3 & Up   | 48                   | C                     |
| Main     | C-Right-3 & up  | 21                   | C                     |

**Comments**

This facility does carry liability insurance. Temporary license was issued on this date until certificate of occupancy can be verified.



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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us/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](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.

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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

#### Activities and Equipment

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-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

##### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The overall capacity for the program is 107 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 observations that in classroom B a diaper bag that was accessible to children contained bottles of liquid motrin and tylenol and in classroom E a teacher's cup was on a low lying shelf accessible to children.

##### 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: 7/9/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

##### Technical Assistance

Program will ensure that all building siding is smooth, free of splintering wood and chipping paint.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

#### Health and Hygiene

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

Met

##### Comment

Diapering requirements were discussed with the director on this date.

**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)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Technical Assistance**

Center will ensure that all cots are covered so that children do not have access to cots or sheets that are stored on individual cots.

**Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026**

**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 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**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**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 observations that the teacher in classroom B was not sitting with the children during lunch time as required.

**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: 7/9/2026**