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Date: 5/27/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

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

CCLC-47588

Storybrook Academy at Lanier Islands

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/27/2026                  | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12/29/2025                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 05/07/2025                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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                            | 1 left   | One Year Olds                             | 2     | 6        | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                        |
| Main                            | 1 Right  | Infants                                   | 2     | 8        | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Free Play,Nap   |
| Main                            | 2 left   | Two Year Olds                             | 2     | 10       | C                               | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                        |
| Main                            | 2 Right  |                                           | 0     | 0        | C                               | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                 |
| Main                            | 3 left   | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds         | 2     | 12       | C                               | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                        |
| Main                            | 3 Right  |                                           | 0     | 0        | C                               | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                 |
| Main                            | 4 Right  | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1     | 17       | C                               | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art,Transitioning ,Centers |
| Main                            | 4L       |                                           | 0     | 0        | C                               | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                 |
| Main                            | Upstairs | Six Year Olds and Over                    | 1     | 15       | C                               | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191 |          |                                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |            |              |            |              |                            |
| Total # Children this Date: 68  |          |                                           |       |          | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191 |            |              |            |              |                            |
|                                 |          |                                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |            |              |            |              |                            |

| Building | Playground             | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A 1 left    | 123                  | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B Middle    | 81                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground C Rightside | 45                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground D Right     | 20                   | C                     |

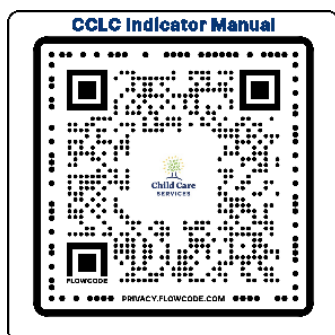
| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 10                | 9       | 10      | 16      | 14      | 8                  | 31                |

#### Comments

Discussed the following with the Director during the visit:

- Chop, Look, and Listen information
- Updated Child Care Learning Center Indicator Manual

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



### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

#### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

#### Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the blue sofa located on the back-right side of the home living area in classroom Upstairs was torn with exposed foam.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The Center will further monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear. The Center will also replace the blue sofa in classroom Upstairs.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2026

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

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

#### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

#### Facility

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that a screw was protruding from the wall more than three threads and accessible to the children located on the back-right wall next to the boys restroom located in classroom 3 Left. It was further determined based on observation that the air conditioning vent was not secured to the ceiling in the first right girls restroom located in classroom 4L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The Center will ensure that the screw is no longer protruding from the wall in classroom 3 Left and the air conditioning vent is secured to the ceiling located in the first right girls restroom located in classroom 4L.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2026**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed the following with the Director:

- Monitor the playground areas for ant mounds and other biting and/or stinging insects.
- Monitor equipment and toys for normal wear and tear.
- Monitor the playground fence for normal wear and tear.
- Monitor the playgrounds and equipment for standing water.

**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 equipment was in need of repair:

- Playground A 1 Left - The yellow chain coverings attached to the green bucket swings were peeling creating a potential pinching hazard located on the front-left side of the playground. The White, blue, and green playhouse right wall was not secured to the playhouse creating a potential entrapment hazard located on the back-right side of the playground.
- Playground B Middle - The yellow, blue, red, brown, and green sliding structure was observed to contain chipping paint throughout the equipment located on the back-left side of the playground. The yellow swing chain covers were observed to be peeling creating a potential pinching hazard located on the back-left side of the playground.

**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: 6/6/2026**

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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**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 stated the proper handwashing procedures for Staff and children.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time. The Center will begin field trips during the week of May 31, 2026. Discussed field trip paperwork with the Director during the visit.

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

Vehicle tag number DDJ2883 had evidence of a current vehicle inspection report that expires on March 30, 2027.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #16 did not have evidence of a current transportation training certificate on file. Staff #16's training expired on December 30, 2024.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 6/6/2026**

**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****Records Reviewed: 33****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 16

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 25

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/16/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

The Director provided one file for a Staff hired since the previous visit was conducted on December 29, 2025. The Consultant observed one of one newly hired Staff to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

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

**Comment**

Please ensure to replace the thermometer and insect sting preparation for the center and vehicle's first aid kit.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #15, date of hire August 19, 2017, and Staff #25, date of hire October 16, 2014, did not complete the required four-clock hours of nutrition training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2026**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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|---------------------------------|
| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.