



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/4/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-9054**

**ABC Learning Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                   |               | <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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02/04/2026                         | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/21/2025                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/07/2025                         | 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       |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Main                            | Room A-FR     |                                 | 0                               | 0        | C                               | 26                              | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main                            | Room B-FL     | GA PreK                         | 2                               | 19       | C                               | 27                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Main                            | Room C-2R     | Two Year Olds                   | 1                               | 12       | NC                              | 11                              | NC           | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main                            | Room D-Back   |                                 | 0                               | 0        | C                               | 22                              | C            | 30         | C            |             |
| Main                            | Room E-Middle | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2                               | 13       | C                               | 29                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main                            | Room F-2L     | Infants and One Year Olds       | 3                               | 13       | C                               | 27                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142 |               |                                 |                                 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 142 |                                 |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 57  |               |                                 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142 |          |                                 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 142 |              |            |              |             |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Infants - Toddlers | 8                    | C                     |
| Main     | School - Age       | 36                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 8                        | 14      | 10      | 8       | 14      | 6                  | 28                |

### **Comments**

Pediatric training, child development training, ratios, and supervision were discussed with the director on this date.

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.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.

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



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline:** 9/20/2025

**Corrected on 2/4/2026**

.06(4) - Previous citation of the 1st right boys bathroom ventilation was none functional as it was not working was observed to be corrected on this date as consultant observed the exhaust fan in the bathroom to be operable.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation in classroom C-2R, the capacity is for eleven children and twelve children were observed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline:** 2/4/2026

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline:** 8/21/2025

**Corrected on 2/4/2026**

.25(3) - Previous citation of two ceiling tiles missing exposing the ceiling and was accessible to children that were playing in classroom B-FL was observed to be corrected on this date as consultant observed both ceiling tiles were replaced.

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

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

Met

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025

Corrected on 2/4/2026

.17(8) - Previous citation of a staff person in room F-2L not washing their hands immediately after diapering an infant was observed to be corrected 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**

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

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

Met

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025

Corrected on 2/4/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation of seven of nine crib sheets were not tight fitting in classroom F-2L was observed to be corrected on this date as consultant observed all crib sheets to be tight fitting.

**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

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

Met

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on review of records that the director was not able to produce proof of training for pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment for staff #8 and #11.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026**

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)(a)-Previous citation of staff #6 having zero of ten annual hours for 2024, #10 having four of ten annual hours for 2024, #11 having five of ten annual hours for 2024, #12 having zero of ten annual hours for 2024, and #13 having zero of ten annual hours for 2024 will be deferred and observed on the next visit date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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**Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025**

**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)**

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation in classroom C-2R, there was one staff person with (12) two-year-olds when the required ratio is 2:20.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026**

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.32(7) - Supervision was discussed with the director on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026**