



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/9/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-36570**

**Kids Ahoy Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <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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| 01/09/2025                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/14/2024                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/26/2024                  | Licensing Study  | 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                           | A            | Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds           | 4                             | 15       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Nap, Floor Play |
| Main                           | B-School-Age | Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds                    | 1                             | 6        | C    | 11         | C            | 15         | C            | Snack                      |
| Main                           | C- 3-4 YEARS | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2                             | 15       | C    | 22         | C            | 30         | C            | Centers                    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53 |              |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                            |
| Total # Children this Date: 36 |              |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Playground | 79                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 4                 | 16      | 3       | 13      | 10      | 2                  | 13                |

### **Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Children files, staff training and files, emergency records, transportation records and other required documentation was available to be reviewed by the consultant.

An exit conference discussing the licensing study report was conducted with the director on this date. An email with the licensing study report was sent to the director for signature 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.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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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

**591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**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**

**591-1-1.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fan in the bathroom of Classroom C was not working.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2025**

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| <b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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| <b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure there are no hazards on the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2025**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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| <b>591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean on this date.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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| <b>591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**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 staff training, the director had not completed the two (2) hours and the driver had an expired transportation training.

**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: 1/19/2025**

**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 review of transportation records that during the week of December 9th, that during the afternoon route children were missing marks for loading at the school and unloading at the center for the following schools:

\* From Tucker Elementary on Monday December 9 four out of eight, (4/8) on Tuesday December 10, six out of eight, (6/8) on Thursday December 12, six out of eight (6/8) and Friday December 13, eight out of eight (8/8).

\* From Morningside Elementary on Tuesday December 9, five out of eight (5/8) on Thursday December 12, seven out of eight (7/8) and Friday December 13, eight out of eight (8/8). In addition on Tuesday December 10, during the morning route, two out of eight were missing a mark for loading on the bus from the center and unloading at school.

\* From Langston Road Elementary on Tuesday December 10, one out of three (1/3), on Wednesday December 11, one out of three (1/3), on Thursday December 12, three out of three (3/3) and Friday December 13, three out of three (3/3).

\* From Kings Chapel Elementary on Tuesday December 10, one out of one (1/1) and on Friday December 13, one out of one (1/1).

In addition, during the week of December 16th, during the morning and afternoon routes, children were missing marks for loading and unloading on the following days:

\*Monday December 16, four out of five (4/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the center and unloading at the school.

\*Tuesday December 17, one out of five (1/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the center and unloading at the school

\*Thursday December 19, two out of five (2/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the center and unloading at the school

\*\*Monday December 16, four out of five (4/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the school and unloading at the center

\*\*Tuesday December 17, two out of five (2/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the school and unloading at the center

\*\*Wednesday December 18, one out of five (1/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the school and unloading at the center

\*\*Thursday December 19, two out of five (2/5) children were missing a mark for loading at the school and unloading at the center.

**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: 1/10/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of transportation records during the week of December 9th, a second check was not documented as being conducted at Morningside Elementary, Landston Elementary and Kings Chapel Elementary on Tuesday December 10 during the morning and afternoon routes and during the afternoon route on December 13th.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2025**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.  
Ensure crib sheets are washed daily.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Comment**

Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kits..

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

Documentation observed of required ten hours of annual staff training for the year 2024.

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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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**Staffing and Supervision**

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.