



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/30/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-66939

Elevation Station Children's Academy Inc

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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.
09/30/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
			Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
			Deficient - 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	1L-Younger One		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R-Upstairs-Pre-K/Afterschool		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L-Infant		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L-Bottom Two 's		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L-Older One		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	4L-Bottom Three & Four		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 0					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Toddler	27	C
Main	Main	203	C

Comments

The child program did not receive a final license on this date. Once citations are corrected and pictures sent showing corrections a final license will granted. The facility carries liability insurance. The total capacity is 94.

Plan of Improvement:

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.

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 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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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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)

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 chair and table legs in the afterschool classroom were rusted and needed repair. Also the dramatic play set in the older one's classroom had chipped paint on the oven handle and needed repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are free from hazards daily.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. The Consultant discussed with the Provider the importance of having her ventilation fan in the two year old and three year old classrooms checked out for proper circulation.

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

Met

Comment

A final license was not issued on this visit. The Provider has to correct the citations given during the visit and then a final license will be granted.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Consultant discussed with the provider the need to touch up the paint on the stairwell to the two year old room classroom.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the grey fence surrounding the main playground had boards missing at the top and bottom as well as protrusion of some boards in several areas of the fence. Also the fence that connects the entrance to the playground from outside had a 4 inch gap in between when a 3 inches or less are required. The fence on the infant /tolllder playground has boards missing and protruding.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

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 swings hook on the seats were rusted and needed repair. Furthermore there were several small wooden blocks around the white barrier that caused a tripping hazard.

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: 10/10/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the playground around the swing set was 3.5 inches in some areas and 6 inches in other when 6 inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing and clean up the weeds that are growing through the mulch. The Center will check daily to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation the following:

Main Playground :

- A brown trailer sitting unlevel with a gap on the bottom
- Three spider webs with spiders by the swings and one on the gazebo on the main playground
- There were three active ant beds on the main playgrounds, two next to the gazebo and one in the open area.
- There was a concrete walkway on the main playground that needed leveling to the ground as well as concrete circle around the gazebo and next to the fence by the trailer.
- The grass was not mowed.
- There were exposed roots on the right side of the playground close to the swing set.
- The swing seats hooks were rusted and needed repair
- Blue tunnel composite had ripped paint on top and rusted and discoloration on the bottom part of the stairs.
- AC unit was not covered and accessible.
- Water hose was laying on the ground and not secure.
- There were two gutters that needed guards.
- Basketball goal didn't have a net and chipped paint on the backboard
- Medium tree stumps were protruding from the ground causing a tripping hazard.
- Pole was sticking out of the vent on the main playground.

Infant /Toddler Playground

- Concrete slab from the door of the classroom was not leveled
- Grass was not mowed
- Spiderwebs were on the fence.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication but the Consultant discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant observed Six (6) of six (6) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in (2024). Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

Staff Records

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

Three(3) of three (3) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing thermometer, face mask, antibacterial ointment and goggles in first aid kit.

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.