



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 6/24/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-52898

Cornerstone Academy of Stonecrest

3271 Turner Hill Rd. Lithonia, GA 30038 DeKalb County
 (678) 691-5187

Regional Consultant

Maryn Accord

Phone: (404) 591-6031

Fax:

maryn.accord@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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. 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.
06/24/2026	Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/12/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/13/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

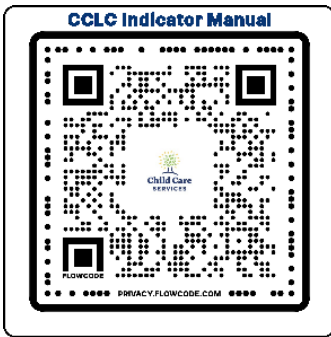
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A -3yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	32	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B - 0-12mos	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 3-4yrs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D Craft-A/school		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E -3yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F Pre-K		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G -1-2yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	37	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Toddlers	14	C
Main	B - All ages	52	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	3	7	9	8	0	18

Comments

Core Rules were evaluated on 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.al.ga.gov/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.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!



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Summary Report

Date: 6/24/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-52898

Cornerstone Academy of Stonecrest

3271 Turner Hill Rd. Lithonia, GA 30038 DeKalb County
(678) 691-5187

Regional Consultant

Maryn Accord

Phone: (404) 591-6031

Fax:

maryn.accord@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address
Same

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that flooring surfaces were routinely maintained to ensure cleanliness and free of physical damage, as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026

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

Not Met

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 an approximately 6 and a half inch gap was present at the bottom of the back playground fence, between Playground A -Toddlers and Playground B - All Ages, creating a potential entrapment hazard. It was further determined that a metal tie located at the bottom of the back playground fence, between Playground A -Toddlers and Playground B - All Ages was detached from the chain link fence, creating a potential hazard.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2026

Recited on 6/24/2026

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed adequate resilient surfacing in the required fall zone areas, as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the playground was clean, free from litter, and maintained, as required.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined, based on observation, children's hands were not washed upon re-entering Room G - 1-2yrs after outside play, as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined, based on observation, Staff did not wash their hands upon re-entering Room G - 1-2yrs after outside play, as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2026

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected, on this date.. The Director stated proper knowledge of when required reports must be submitted to the Department within twenty-four hours or the next work day.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined, based on observation, that three of six crib sheets in Room B - 0-12mos were not tight-fitting, as required, creating a potential hazard on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.14(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid certification obtained by applicable Staff within the first 45 days of employment, as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid obtained by applicable Staff within the first 45 days of employment, as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined, based on a review of records, at least one staff member in Room E- 3yrs did not have current and valid pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid training when three staff members and 15 school-age children were present on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed each Staff member with direct care responsibilities completed health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment, as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.32(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed that Staff:child ratios were appropriately maintained on this date, as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 6/24/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed that Staff provided watchful oversight and appropriate supervision, as required, on this date.