



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/17/2025 **VisitType:** ILS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-63224

ASTREAM CHILDCARE ACADEMY INC.

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Temporary License

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
04/17/2025	ILS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/30/2025	ILS Follow Up	Deficient	
07/23/2024	Initial 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: 1st Right (Left Classroom) - Two's	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B: 1st Right (Right Classroom) - One's		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Building II: Pre-K House	GA PreK	3	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	C: 1st Left - Infant's	Infants	2	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	D: 2nd Left - Three's/Four's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	E: 3rd Left - Three's/Four's	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F: Downstairs - 4+/Afterschool		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 124			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 124			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	19	C
Main	Playground B	62	C

Comments

A final license was not issued on this date due to an outstanding document:: The facility's building Certificate of Occupancy. document The Consultant will follow up with next steps.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decal.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@decal.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 ILS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No swimming pool on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed operable exhaust fan in both restrooms in classroom E.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 124 children.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe potentially hazardous equipment, materials and/or supplies accessible to children during visit. All hazardous items have been stored away from children's reach.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed height level cubbies in each classroom for its intended age range.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Defer

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It was determined based on review of records, Dekalb County has inspected and approved the facilities that will be used for the day care at 6224 Hillandale over two months ago however they have not issued the certificate of occupancy due to a delay in reclassifying an additional building that was previously used for elderly care on the property that will not be used for child care services. The facility has been in contact with Dekalb County in regard to the building's certificate of occupancy, and recently received an update regarding approval status of separating the additional building, but will need to pay the required fees to obtain the final building certificate of occupancy.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure a certificate of occupancy upon receiving it from Dekalb County.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed the back fencing on Playground B to be free of rust and screw covers on all protruding screws throughout the playgrounds fence.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

"The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the "S" hooks on the top pole swing structure and all equipment on playground A free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and all other hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed additional resilient surfacing added under the swings on playground B, measuring 6 inches in depth.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed playground B clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed an transparent barrier along the kitchen's counter top space, making kitchen appliances inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all cots covered and inaccessible to children in each classroom containing cots.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 1 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

Corrected on 4/17/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed staff members providing proper supervision and watchful oversight to the children during the visit. In addition, all staff members completed supervision training and submit a certificate of completion.