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Date: 12/22/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

CCLC-1996

Stratford Academy Extended Care

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Same

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. 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.
12/22/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2024	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
Lower Elementary Building	Room 201	One Year Olds	3	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Lower Elementary Building	Room 202	One Year Olds	3	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Lower Elementary Building	Room 203	Infants	2	2	C	40	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	400		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	401	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	407	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	408		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	409		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 31			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Lower Elementary Building	Lower Infant/Toddler	59	C
Main	lower	113	C
Main	Upper	180	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	27	19	47	36	0	200

Comments

The purpose of the visit today was for a LS. This visit was completed by lead consultant Jackson and new consultant Schay.

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.

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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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-.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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024

Corrected on 12/22/2025

All rooms with the exception of Room 407 was not in use on this date. The Director stated that corrections have been made to the rooms in use.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Director and Lead Consultant discussed safety of play ground route.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(5) requires that the playground have a surface suitable for varied activities. Hard surfaces (gravel, concrete, paving) shall not exceed one-fourth of the total area. It was determined based on observation that the sidewalk ledge was not level to the sidewalk as the drop posed a tripping hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will increase the unpaved area or decrease the size of the hard surface to be in compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Director and Lead discussed the size of the fruit cut for children in care.

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2025**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

Met

Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-10 Yr. Work History Missing,.24(1)-Address Missing,.24(1)-DOB Missing,.24(1)-Education Experience Missing,.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.24(1)-Name Missing,.24(1)-Phone Number Missing,.24(1)-No Record,.24(1)-SSN Missing,.24(1)-Work Experience Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-10 Yr. Work History Missing,.24(1)-Address Missing,.24(1)-DOB Missing,.24(1)-Education Experience Missing,.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.24(1)-Name Missing,.24(1)-No Record,.24(1)-Phone Number Missing,.24(1)-SSN Missing,.24(1)-Work Experience Missing

Staff # 12

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-10 Yr. Work History Missing,.24(1)-Address Missing,.24(1)-DOB Missing,.24(1)-Education Experience Missing,.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.24(1)-Name Missing,.24(1)-No Record,.24(1)-Phone Number Missing,.24(1)-SSN Missing,.24(1)-Work Experience Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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)**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined that Four staff persons did not have evidence of health and safety completion within the 90 days expectancy.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

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