



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/19/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 5:20 PM

CCLC-48120

Sportz Center Academy

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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.
08/19/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/07/2025	Initial-TA	NA	
07/14/2025	Complaint Closure	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 Left		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	Not In Use
Main	B Middle	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	21	C	Nap
Main	C Right	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	31	C	44	C	Nap
Main	Gym	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	42	C	452	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		
Total # Children this Date: 55			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150		Building @25 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Outside	57	C

Comments

The Consulted completed a follow-up visit. The investigation was not concluded 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.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that Main B Middle had a lesson plan posted with the dates blacked out. Additionally, Main C Right did not have any lesson plans posted or available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(3) - Please ensure that children are not sitting idle and have planned activities after school in the gym.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2025

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any chairs stacked in Main C Right.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that a broken floor tile was observed on the right side near the window glass door in Main C Right. It was further determined that there were several areas with gaps in the turf in Main Gym that measured between 3 inches and 6 inches in width that posed a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Recited on 8/19/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(7) - Please ensure the doors in the gym that lead to unlicensed outdoor areas are kept closed when children are present. Per the Director the Main Gym is used for school-aged children only.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2025

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the seat on the bench and the wooden panel on the bridge on the right playground was in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure the playground is free of trash and debris.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit. Please ensure that Staff complete the 10 hours of diverse annual training prior to December 31, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2025

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.32(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Main Gym classroom to have six 5-year-old children and 36 six and older children.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a 10-year-old child in Main Gym walked across the gym to an enclosed area out of sight to retrieve a folder from their book bag without adult supervision. Additionally, the teacher was unaware the child walked off until the child returned to the turf area where the other children were.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025