



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/7/2025

VisitType: Complaint Investigation &
Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:20 AM Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-48120

Sportz Center Academy

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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.
07/07/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/27/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

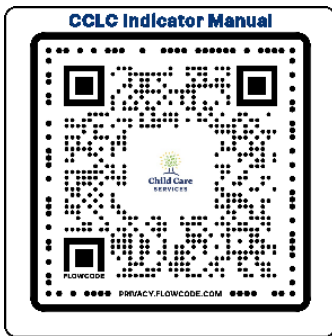
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A Left		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Main	B Middle		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	C Right	Six Year Olds and Over	2	30	C	31	C	44	C	TV
Main	Gym	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	8	138	C	452	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers, Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Total # Children this Date: 168			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 visit report was left open on this date because of technical issues and the completion of the complaint investigation. Upon completion, a copy of the report will be sent to the child care program via email.

Plan of Improvement: Developed 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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(14) - Please ensure that center staff limit the use of entertainment media, such as television, videotaped programs or movies and video or computer games to no more than two (2) hours daily per child or group; to provide such activities only at times when alternative activities are available for children who choose not to participate; and to use entertainment media that is age-appropriate in accordance with the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that the Center keeps 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.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that chairs were stacked on the right side of classroom C accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Comment

Records were observed to be complete.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please ensure that staff check and flush toilets after each usage.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Corrected on 7/7/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the previous citations were repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that hanging cords are taped down to the wall in the gym.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/7/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed previous citations repaired on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure reconnecting the disconnected ceiling tile in the girls restroom and covering the hole in the gym floor on the left side of the gym.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that the playground is protected from traffic and other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

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 seat on the bench was broken and posed a hazard. It was further determined that a wooden panel on the bridge on the right playground equipment was broken and posed a potential 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: 7/23/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure that all climbing and swinging equipment have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone and adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2025

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(6) - Please ensure that garbage and organic waste materials are stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the drill in vehicle tag #GLJ471 is removed. Please ensure litter is removed from the vehicles.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Corrected on 7/8/2025

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current Staff criminal records checks as complete.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Corrected on 7/8/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current Staff criminal records checks as complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer**

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2025

Corrected on 7/7/2025

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Staff #2 health and safety orientation training complete.

Defer

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

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a staff:child ratio of 2:50 was observed on the playground. The group consisted of 11 5-year-old children and 39 6-year-old and older children. A staff:child ratio of 3:50 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Corrected on 7/8/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Please ensure 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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure that staff are positioned on the playground 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.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025