



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/18/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 1:30 PM **Departure:** 5:00 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.
11/18/2025	POI Follow Up	Support	
10/07/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
09/19/2025	Complaint Closure	Deficient	

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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	21	C	Nap
Main	C Right	GA PreK	1	9	C	31	C	44	C	Nap
Main	Gym	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	4	84	C	452	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Homework
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		
Total # Children this Date: 100			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

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Shalika Johnson.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/04/2025

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 user id 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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.03(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the Consultant observed lesson plans posted in classroom B Middle and C Right.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.35(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Per the Director, the program has not participated in any swimming activities since July 31, 2025.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.08(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as sign-in and out documents were observed on file on this date. Per the Director, no field trip have been completed since July 31, 2025.

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)

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 there were several areas with gaps in the turf in the Main Gym that measured between 3 inches and 6 inches in width that posed a potential tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

Recited on 11/18/2025

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.07(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the Consultant observed the emergency preparedness plan revised and completed.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Discussed with the Director completing an Amendment for the Karate space in the back of the gym.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Discussed that a designated person-in-charge must report to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a child while in the care of the Center; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a child while in the care of the Center; any situation when a child in care becomes missing, such as, but not limited to, a child who is left on a vehicle, a child who leaves the building, playground, or property, or a child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the program's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open)

Safety

Finding

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined based on observation that a child was observed behind the cubby in the back area of the gym. Per discussion with a Staff member, the child was placed in timeout.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the Consultant observed the transportation logs complete.

Staff Records

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

Comment

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times. Discussed that the training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. Discussed that in order for a substitute teacher to be left alone in the classroom the substitute teacher would need a completed first aid and CPR certification.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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 that Staff #8 hired on November 4, 2025, did not have a current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. Staff #8 was observed in classroom B Middle.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****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 clock hours of diverse annual training prior to December 31, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2025

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 1:30 was observed in the Karate space of the gym when a ratio of 2:30 was required. The group consisted of 11 5-year-old children and 19 6-year-old and older children.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Director 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 an investigation that on July 31, 2025, adequate supervision was not provided when a 4-year-old child was found face down and unresponsive in a body of water at a local Water Park while on a field trip. The Center Staff did not see the child enter the water nor witness the rescue efforts from Water Park staff. The child received medical attention and was diagnosed with a submersion injury and respiratory distress. 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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed with the Director creating a supervision plan for the restroom area in the gym.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025