



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/3/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

CCLC-16538

Puddle Jumpers Child Enrichment Center

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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.
05/03/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/18/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/17/2022	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	Infants	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	One Year Olds	1	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F	One Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G	Three Year Olds	1	31	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 113					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (left side)	40	C
Main	B (Right Side)	37	C

Comments

May 3, 2023--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with Managemet.

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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Lydia Bush, Program Official

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Penny Svenson, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) **Met**

Comment

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

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

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2022

Corrected on 5/3/2023

The correction was observed on this date. The Consultant discussed with the Director that equipment continue to be monitored for rust and sanded and painted as needed.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. The Consultant discussed with the Infant Teacher that children were required to have their hands washed with warm running water and soap as long as the infant had proper head control.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 5/3/2023

The correction was observed during the visit on this date. Trash cans with lids were observed to be present on this date.

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

Comment

The Director stated that no medications have been administered since the last regulatory visit.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

The visit was conducted during naptime. Staff stated redirection was used for disciplinary measures.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Transportation was observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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)	Not Met
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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 there were eight infants to one staff member in Room A, and the staff member stated they were alone for one hour, while the other staff member was on lunch break and another staff member was required. Further, there were six infants and one one-year-old to one staff member in Room B and the ratio of 1:6 should have been maintained and another staff member was required. Additionally, there were 17 two-year-old children to one staff member in Room D and another staff member was required. Also there were 13 one-year-old children to one staff member in Room E and another staff member was required. .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.