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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/18/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:20 AM

Departure: 1:00 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.
10/18/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B	Infants	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E	One Year Olds	2	5	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F	One Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
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: 85

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172

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

October 18, 2022--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Lydia Bush, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

New cribs were present and the remaining cribs are due to arrive at the center.

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.

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

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

There were no items labeled keep out of reach of children within reach of children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 these hazards were present:

Playground A

Red equipment with yellow steering wheels had rust present on the front bar and the back bar by the tunnel area, Yellow plastic bin from a sand and water table was cracked

Playground B

Red tricycle equipment had rust present on the handles and the round center area

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: 10/28/2022**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the playgrounds for possible hazards and to correct them before children were present on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(6) requires garbage and organic waste to be 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. It was determined based on observation that several trash cans throughout the Center did not have a lid present on trash cans or the automatic lid was not closed and children had access to organic waste stored in containers on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide the required containers and implement a plan to ensure that trash and garbage are taken out daily, or more often, if needed.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022****Corrected on 10/18/2022**

Proper hand washing was observed throughout the Center after diapers were changed, after children returned from the playground, and before children ate lunch.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 23****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/13/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2007

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2012

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2022

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2027

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2010

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2008

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Records Reviewed: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/10/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2007

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2016

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2027

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2022

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2011

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2006

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2017

Staff # 23 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met**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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

Proper ratios were 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.