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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.
05/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/31/2021	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	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	17	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	18	NC	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	One Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Transitioning
Main	F	One Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering, Transitioning
Main	G	Three Year Olds	1	30	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning
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: 127					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

June 10, 2022--An admin review was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/17/2022

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/Regulations.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that the top edges of the cribs in both infant rooms were splintered and the coating was missing due to infants that chewed on the edges of the cribs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that the second drawer in Room C needed a safety latch and there were items in the drawer that stated, "Keep Out of Reach of Children."

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

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

The Consultant discussed with the Director that any roots present from trees should be painted with a bright colored paint to make them visible, so that a tripping hazard was not posed. .

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Cook and the Director to ensure thermometers were present in each refrigerator and freezer to ensure the proper temperatures were met.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that a staff member in Room F did not wash their hands after they cleaned the changing table after they changed a child's diaper.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on the date of the 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****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on the date of the visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****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: 07/07/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/27/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2010	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 04/09/2008	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 10/25/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2021	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2007	

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2016	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2022	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 03/23/2011	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2020	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2006	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 09/28/2017	
Staff # 20	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**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 **Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met****Correction Deadline: 4/30/2021****Corrected on 5/17/2022****The correction was observed during a review of records.****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)** **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that there were 17 two-year-old children to one staff member in Room C and 18 two-year-old children to one staff member in Room D during naptime and another staff member was required in both classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.