



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/14/2023    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 6:30 PM

**CCLC-58322**

**The Suzuki School at Ponce City Market**

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**Temporary License**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
03/14/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			<b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**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 A	Infants and One Year Olds	4	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Snack,Nap,Floor Play
Main	B - Infants B	One Year Olds	4	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Snack
Main	C - Toddler A	One Year Olds	5	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - Toddler B	One Year Olds	5	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	E - Pre-Primary 3	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	5	26	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	F - Pre-Primary 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	5	27	C	35	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	G - Pre-Primary 1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	24	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	H - Primary 4	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	31	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time,Free Play
Main	I - Primary 3	Four Year Olds	4	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J - Primary 2	Four Year Olds	4	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	K - Primary 1	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	33	C	43	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers

Main	Multipurpose Room	0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA
Main	Music	0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 303				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 230				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Infants/Toddler	31	C
Main	Playground B - Pre-Primary	16	C
Main	Playground C - Primary	63	C

#### Comments

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on March 14, 2023. A Temporary License was issued on this date. Facility carries Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/14/2023

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](http://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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Kelly Perryman, Program Official

Date

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Kedirile Knott, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial 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.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed children in classroom J using the bathroom in the hallway which is located more than 40 feet from the classroom. Consultant informed the Health & Safety Director that the bathrooms for children three years of age or older must be located within 40 feet or less from the classrooms. Consultant advised the Health & Safety Director to apply for a variance for this rule.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. Permission to Operate was granted on this date. The overall license capacity is 303 children.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Health & Safety Director ensuring that each enrolled child over 12 months of age has a separate, individual, labeled storage space that is within the child's reach. Please ensure that children's belongings do not overlap or touch the belongings of other children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023**

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

Playground observed to be clean.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the wrought iron fence on playground A and C had gaps measuring over 3.5 inches.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will repair any fence hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 3/28/2023**

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

Consultant discussed with the Health & Safety Director foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Consultant discussed with the Health & Safety Director ensuring that all classrooms have warm running water. There was no warm water in the children's sink in classroom D.

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

Complete documentation for medication dispensing was observed on this date.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

The Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Health & Safety Director ensuring that there's a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall also be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Twenty-six (26) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Forty-nine (49) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages. The program is a member of the American Montessori Society, and they are currently in the process of re-applying for a variance to Rule 591-1-1-.32(4) of the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.