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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/22/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-37432

The Suzuki School at Ponce City Market

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/22/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/05/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/01/2020	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	B- Level I B	Infants	4	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	C- Level II A	Infants	4	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	D- Level II B	One Year Olds	4	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- Pre-Primary II	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	17	C	35	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G- Pre Primary I	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	17	C	33	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I- Primary I	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	36	C	43	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Pre-Primary 3	Two Year Olds	4	13	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Primary 2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	15	C	38	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Primary 3	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	24	C	32	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 276					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 158 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 276					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infants/Toddler	31	C

Main	C- Preschool/School age	63	C
Main	Playground B 2-3 Years	16	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 3, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 22, 2021 with an administrative staff person. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Courtney May, Program Official

Date

Mari M. Springs, 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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Equipment and furniture appeared to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the staff on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering was observed and the staff displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the staff on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the staff on this date. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider there was no routine transportation provided.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 123**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/26/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/12/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2011	
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met

Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Staff # 41	Met
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Date of Hire: 12/09/2019	
Staff # 45	Met
Staff # 46	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2021	
Staff # 47	Met
Staff # 48	Met
Staff # 49	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 50	Met
Staff # 51	Met

Staff # 52	Met
Staff # 53	Met
Staff # 54	Met
Staff # 55	Met
Staff # 56	Met
Staff # 57	Met
Staff # 58	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2015	
Staff # 59	Met
Staff # 60	Met
Staff # 61	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2019	
Staff # 62	Met
Staff # 63	Met
Staff # 64	Met
Staff # 65	Met
Staff # 66	Met
Staff # 67	Met
Staff # 68	Met
Staff # 69	Met
Staff # 70	Met
Staff # 71	Met
Staff # 72	Met
Staff # 73	Met
Staff # 74	Met
Staff # 75	Met

Staff # 76	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	
Staff # 77	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 78	Met
Staff # 79	Met
Staff # 80	Met
Staff # 81	Met
Staff # 82	Met
Staff # 83	Met
Staff # 84	Met
Staff # 85	Met
Staff # 86	Met
Staff # 87	Met
Staff # 88	Met
Staff # 89	Met
Staff # 90	Met
Staff # 91	Met
Staff # 92	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/1996	
Staff # 93	Met
Staff # 94	Met
Staff # 95	Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 96	Met
Staff # 97	Met

Staff # 98	Met
Staff # 99	Met
Staff # 100	Met
Staff # 101	Met
Staff # 102	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2018	
Staff # 103	Met
Staff # 104	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 105	Met
Staff # 106	Met
Staff # 107	Met
Staff # 108	Met
Staff # 109	Met
Staff # 110	Met
Staff # 111	Met
Staff # 112	Met
Staff # 113	Met
Staff # 114	Met
Staff # 115	Met
Staff # 116	Met
Staff # 117	Met
Staff # 118	Met
Staff # 119	Met
Staff # 120	Met
Staff # 121	Met

Staff # 122 Met
Date of Hire: 09/26/2016

Staff # 123 Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratio were observed. Discussed combining children of mixed ages were appropriate due to Montessori guidelines were appropriate as long as children were no younger than two and a half years of age with older children.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.