



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/20/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-55005

Cedars Preschool at Oakwood

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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.
10/20/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/15/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/14/2021	Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study	NA	

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 (1L) - 1's	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	B (2L) - 2's	Two Year Olds	3	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	C (3L) - 3's	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	D (4L) - Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	F (3R) - 3's & 4's	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	G (2R) - 1's	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play	
Main	H (1R) - 6wks - 12 months	Infants	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap	
Main	I (Upstairs Back) Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	J (Upstairs R) - Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 126						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A (FL)- 1's and 2's	25	C
Main	PG B (Back): 3- 12 yrs	146	C
Main	PG C (RB) - 2- 4 yrs	29	C
Main	PG D (FR): 6 wk to 24 mth	21	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 14, 2021, and October 20, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A Virtual Initial Licensing Study was conducted October 20, 2021. The exit conference was conducted virtually on October 21, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. with the Director. Permanent License will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference, signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does carry Liability Insurance.

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.al.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.al.ga.gov.

- 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.al.ga.gov/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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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

Joshua Potters, Program Official

Date

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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 virtual visit was conducted on this date, equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center, see notes in previous visit report.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

Corrected on 10/20/2021

.25(8) - Based on observation, classrooms B and H did not have cords hanging by the changing tables that could be easily accessed by the children during diapering times. There were no cords hanging in the diapering areas throughout the center, unused electrical outlets within children's reach were covered, made inaccessible to children. Corrections noted on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021****Corrected on 10/20/2021**

.26(9) - A virtual visit was conducted on this date. Based on observation, there were no active ant beds on playgrounds A, B, C, and D. Further, the consultant observed that the sidewalks were flushed with the ground on playgrounds A, B, C, and D and additional resilient surfacing was added throughout the playground. A follow up evaluation will be conducted during the Monitoring Visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, proper hand washing was observed throughout the center.

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date. Follow up visit from September 14, 2021, proper medication documentation and procedures discussed on that date.

Safety

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, the center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/15/2021****Corrected on 10/20/2021**

.36(7)(c)2. Based on review of transportation forms, children were documented as loaded or unloaded. The documentation regarding loaded or unloaded was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021**Corrected on 10/20/2021**

.36(7)(d)2. - Based on review of transportation forms, continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check and second staff verification signature was corrected on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Ten (10) of ten (10) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2012 and 2013.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
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 Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Nineteen (19) of nineteen (19) staff Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, 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 this date, the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date, the staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.