



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/14/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 8:50 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-55152**

**Cedars Preschool at Rockmart**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/14/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
11/05/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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.

**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-1st Right(2nd)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B-1st Right	Infants	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C-2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-3rd Right	Two Year Olds	3	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E-4th Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	NC	18	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-Rear Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	27	C	29	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G-2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H-1st Left	GA PreK	4	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:	0
Total # Children this Date: 120			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:	0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	17	C
Main	Playground 2	56	C
Main	Playground 3	23	C

**Comments**

On site Complaint Investigation/Follow Up was conducted on this date. CBC rules were discussed and 1-day letter and affidavit were issued.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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Adrianna Cate, Program Official

Date

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Rachael Brown, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities in Classroom E-4th Right.

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

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2021**

**Corrected on 2/14/2022**

**.25(6) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all classrooms to have individual storage space for children's personal items.**

	<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(3) - Ensure bottles are labeled with the child's name and date upon arrival and ensure breast milk is heated using warm water and not a bottle warmer.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2022**

	<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 26**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

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	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
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
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2021	
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on observation that staff #11 was present in the center and had not made application to the Department and an authorized fingerprinting site.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will view videos to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will view videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation that staff #11 was present and offering therapy services to children in care and did not have a valid and current satisfactory records check on file.

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