



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/23/2023    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:35 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-58663**

**Cedars Preschool at Hampton**

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**Temporary License**

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 Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/23/2023	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	
1st Bldg	A	One Year Olds	1	6	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Centers	
1st Bldg	A	One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers	
1st Bldg	B	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play	
1st Bldg	B	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play	
1st Bldg	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	14	C	Centers	
1st Bldg	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	14	C	Centers	
1st Bldg	D	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Centers	
1st Bldg	D	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers	
1st Bldg	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	31	C	Centers	
1st Bldg	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	31	C	Centers	
1st Bldg	F		0	0	C	11	C	16	C		
1st Bldg	F		0	0	C	11	C	16	C		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 190					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 440			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
2nd Bldg	G		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
2nd Bldg	G		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
2nd Bldg	H	Four Year Olds	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	

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2nd Bldg	I		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
2nd Bldg	I		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
2nd Bldg	J		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
2nd Bldg	J		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
2nd Bldg	K	Five Year Olds	1	2	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
2nd Bldg	K	Five Year Olds	1	2	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 242

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 440

Total # Children this Date: 134

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 505

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 440

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1st Bldg	Large	97	C
1st Bldg	Large	97	C
1st Bldg	Small	26	C
1st Bldg	Small	26	C


**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 22, 2023. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on May 23, 2023. Temporary License issued on this date. Facility does carry Liability Insurance.

The program did not receive Permission to Operate on May 23, 2023. Once the program submits a Fire Inspection and Certificate of Occupancy, the program will receive Permission to Operate.

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

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.

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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.

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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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Jennifer Ogletree, 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Consult discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety with the director.

**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-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

: Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 194 children. A Temporary License was issued. A fire inspection and certificate of occupancy are needed for Final Renewable License.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**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 entrance gate to the large playground has a gap over three (3) inches.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that Classroom C does not have a operable exhaust fan in the diapering changing area.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that Classroom C is not equipped with a guard or rail on the diapering changing surface.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed medication documentation, administration and storage.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Five (5) transportation files were observed and 22 children are being transported. Vehicle PB6835 and RZM6699, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that Classroom B contained two (2) of eight (8) mattress that were not firm.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023**

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

27 of 27 staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed during the inspection visit.