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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/11/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM

Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-55152

Cedars Preschool at Rockmart

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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.
10/11/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/08/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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)	Infants	2	10	NC	9	NC	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
Main	B-1st Right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-3rd Right	Two Year Olds	3	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-4th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	F-Rear Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	24	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G-2nd Left	PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Nap
Main	H-1st Left	PreK	2	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap

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

A Complaint Investigation and Licensing Study was completed on October 11, 2022. Consultant completed a walk through of the program, interviewed staff members, collected statements, observed video footage of allegation and observed documentation. Staff member #19 is a certified lead teacher, staff member has a Para-Professional Certification, expires on 06/30/2026. Program would not permit consultant to save information regarding certification.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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 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)

Tara Anderson, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation of in classroom A-1st Right (2nd), 10 infants were present at time of consultant's visit and 10 infants were listed on the classroom's roster. This classroom has a maximum 35 square feet capacity of nine.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 6/23/2022****Corrected on 10/11/2022**

.26(4) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected. Center utilized zip ties to secure the top part of the fence to the bar.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the slide and fireman pole on the back left playground was observed to have minimal resilient surfacing under the fall zones areas. Provider stated mulch is expected to arrive within one week.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**Recited on 10/11/2022**

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicle inspection for bus with license plate TCR 1477 was completed on July 13, 2022. Vehicle inspection for bus with license plate TCR 1476 was completed on July 20, 2022.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 23****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/16/2022	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/02/2022	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/28/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 05/11/2022 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 8 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/21/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/19/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/11/2022	Met
Staff # 12	Met

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Date of Hire: 09/13/2021

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2021

Staff # 14 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 15 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2021

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2021

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2021

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2022

Staff # 23 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed, 591-1-1-.14(2) which requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. Provider stated training was scheduled for Monday November 21, 2022 for the six staff members missing their certification.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

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