



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/12/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:25 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-50461

Cedars Preschool at Locust Grove

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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.
04/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
12/01/2021	Licensing Study	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-1R-6wks-12 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	4	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Outside
Main	B/2R- 1's	One Year Olds	4	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C/3R- 3's	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D/4R- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E/Middle - After School		0	0	C	53	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F/1L- 2's	Two Year Olds	3	21	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G/2L - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H/3L - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	22	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I - 3's	Four Year Olds	2	25	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	J - 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	27	C	28	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 175

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A/FL- 2's	17	C
Main	Playground B/BL- 3 and up	69	C
Main	Playground C/RR- 3 and up	96	C

Main	Playground D/FR-6wks- 2's	12	C
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/12/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Niki Meadows, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked on this date.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined that the following hazards were not stored in a locked area inaccessible to children in care:

- * In the second right classroom, an unlocked drawer under the sink, contained two adult scissors.
- * In the third right classroom, baby wipes, plastic bags, Aquaphor, sunscreen, and diaper rash ointment labeled, "keep out of reach of children" was located in bins and in a sleeve hanging on the inside of the bathroom door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the wooden cubby areas in the first and second right classrooms, corrosion on the baseboard behind the boy's bathroom toilet in the third left classroom, vents and baseboards throughout the center are in good repair and free of dust, chipped paint / wood as required. The director will have items repaired by May 12, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the tree stumps located throughout the playground areas are free of splintered wood as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicles with tag number ending in P0004, P0005, P0006 and UZ228 were completed on January 13, 2022.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed from March 21, 2022 through April 1, 2022.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all vehicles used for routine transportation are kept clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined that an infant in care was observed laying in a crib without an individual crib sheet as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 48

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/09/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/25/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/04/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2009	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2020	

Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/04/2019	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/05/2010	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 03/10/2021	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/02/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/04/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 12/17/2021	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 11/22/2021	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 07/19/2017	Met

Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 12/04/2020	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 09/09/2020	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 02/14/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 04/08/2027	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 08/09/2021	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 07/15/2020	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 03/14/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 06/18/2021	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 09/27/2021	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 02/14/2021	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 03/08/2010	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 12/01/2014	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 08/30/2021	Met
Staff # 43	Met

Records Reviewed: 48

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 11/18/2021

Staff # 44

Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2022

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

Staff # 45

Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2021

Staff # 46

Met

Staff # 47

Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2019

Staff # 48

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 17

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since the last licensing study visit which was completed on December 1, 2021.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.