



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

**Date:** 9/15/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 4:00 PM    **Departure:** 5:45 PM

**CCLC-54036**

**Cedars Preschool at McDonough**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/15/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/23/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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-1 Crawler/6wk-12mo	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A2-Wee Toddler A-12-18 mo	One Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A3-Toddler 2yrs	Two Year Olds	3	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A4-3A Preschool	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A5- 4A -Preschool - 4 years		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	A6-School-age	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B1-Infant 6wk-6mo	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B2-Wee Toddler 18-24 mo	One Year Olds	4	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B3 - 3B - Toddler 24-30 mo	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B4 Ga Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B5 - Preschool 4's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B6-4C	Six Year Olds and Over	1	23	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 150

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A1 6wk-12mo	21	C

Main	A2 2-12 yrs	28	C
Main	B1 6wks-1 yr	25	C
Main	B2 2-12 yr	58	C

#### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 15, 2021. Core rules and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 21, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/15/2021

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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Jennifer Flores, Program Official

Date

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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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time per the director. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 37**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/11/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2012	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/28/2011	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2012	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2012	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2019	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 10/27/2017	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 04/05/2016	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2021	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 09/08/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2021	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 09/19/2011	

**Records Reviewed: 37****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 04/21/2021	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 06/09/2021	
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 34	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 37	Met
Date of Hire: 06/30/2021	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Director provided 19 files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on April 23, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.