



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

**Date:** 12/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 1:30 PM

**Departure:** 4:10 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.
12/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/24/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/20/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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 and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A2-Wee Toddler A-12-18 mo	One Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A3-Toddler 2yrs	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A4-3A Preschool	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A5- 4A -Preschool - 4 years	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A6-School-age		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	B1-Infant 6wk-6mo	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B2-Wee Toddler 18-24 mo	One Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B3 - 3B - Toddler 24-30 mo	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B4 Ga Pre-K	PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B5 - Preschool 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B6-4C	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 165					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

MV completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/14/2022

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](mailto: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](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.

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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Brittany Cook, Program Official

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

**591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

#### Health and Hygiene

**591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with staff member and director on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

**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. Vehicle with tag number ending in Z227 was completed on February 24, 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in Z226 was completed on March 18, 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in A1764 was completed on June 1, 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in C1570 was completed on June 2, 2022.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 42****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/25/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/27/2027

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

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2022

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

Staff # 6 Met

**Records Reviewed: 42****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 10/25/2022

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

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2021

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2021

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2022

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

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2012

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 02/28/2011

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 11/21/2022

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

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2017

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2022

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2016

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2022

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2022

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2022

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2022

**Records Reviewed: 42****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2022	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2022	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2022	
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2021	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 05/13/2022	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2027	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 12/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2021	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2021	
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 10/21/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Date of Hire: 08/24/2022	
Staff # 36	Met

**Records Reviewed: 42**

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

Date of Hire: 07/27/2022

Staff # 37 Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2021

Staff # 38 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2021

Staff # 39 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2021

Staff # 40 Met

Staff # 41 Met

Date of Hire: 12/12/2022

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

Staff # 42 Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2021

**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 on this date.

**Comment**

Director provided 11 file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on May 24, 2022.

**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.