



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

Date: 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:20 PM

Departure: 3:50 PM

CCLC-56993

Cedars Preschool at Rex

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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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| 12/15/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 06/09/2022 | Initial 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2nd Building | School Age | | 0 | 0 | C | 20 | C | 29 | C | Not In Use |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203 | | | | | |
| Main | 1R I - 4 yr olds | Four Year Olds | 1 | 18 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 2L A - Infants | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Nap |
| Main | 2R H - 4 yr olds (Summer Camp) | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1 | 18 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 3L B - Toddlers | One Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 3R G - 3 yr olds | Four Year Olds | 1 | 17 | C | 31 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 4L C - Toddlers | One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 4R F - 3 yr olds | Three Year Olds | 1 | 17 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 5L D - 2 yr olds | Two Year Olds | 2 | 19 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 6L E - Older 2 yr olds | Two Year Olds | 3 | 20 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 136 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 203 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Area A - Left Side - 2 yr olds | 68 | C |
| Main | Area A - Right Side - 3 to 12 yr olds | 56 | C |
| Main | AS Playground | 88 | C |

Comments

MV completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/15/2022

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/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)

Brittany Pugh, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation all rooms lacked a variety of art materials, science, dramatic play, manipulatives, musical toys/instruments and books for ages being served.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children. New owner will add new toys/equipment in all required centers. Materials have been ordered per the director and will arrive on January 26, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2023

Recited on 12/15/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

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 based on observation the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * First right classroom - Broom and dust pan and a staff member's purse was located in an unlocked closet.
- * Third right classroom - toilet brush was located in the children's bathroom
- * Fourth right classroom - baby wipes labeled as a suffocation hazard were on top of the sink counter top
- * Second left classroom - two staff member's purses were located on a low shelf to the right of the classroom
- * Third left classroom - a staff member's purse, a broom and dust pan were located in an unlocked closet

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: 12/15/2022**Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that all classrooms had borders surrounding the floors as required.****Correction Deadline: 7/9/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that classrooms had cubbies as required.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that the playground areas had shaded areas for children in care.****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that playground fencing and barriers were corrected on this date.****Correction Deadline: 6/19/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that playground equipment was free of hazards on this date.****Correction Deadline: 6/19/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that adequate resilient surface was underneath playground equipment as required. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain.**

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

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

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022**Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that all diaper changing areas had rail guards as required.**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicles with tag numbers ending in BQ922 and BQ923 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in M6699 was not in use on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022****Corrected on 12/15/2022****Correction of citation in that cots and mats were stored appropriately.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 33****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 06/23/2021 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/15/2022 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/08/2022 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |

Records Reviewed: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 06/29/2022

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 04/04/2022

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2011

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/14/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/2017

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 23 Met

Records Reviewed: 33**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Staff # 24 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/07/2022 | |
| Staff # 25 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/06/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 26 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 11/29/2021 | |
| Staff # 27 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/30/2018 | |
| Staff # 28 | Met |
| Staff # 29 | Met |
| Staff # 30 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/01/2021 | |
| Staff # 31 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/20/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 32 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/19/2021 | |
| Staff # 33 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/20/2013 | |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on June 9, 2022.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure this rule is met and maintained as required: 591-1-1-.09(1)(k) requires that for portability for Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department for a Student-in-Training if the individual's Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 24 months from the hire date, the Center has verified and maintains evidence on file at the Center that the Student-in-Training is currently enrolled in a high school recognized by the Department of Education or an early education curriculum through an accredited school of higher education, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. Consultant discussed portability requirements with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

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

Met

Comment

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

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| 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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.