



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/7/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:50 AM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-56993

Cedars Preschool at Rex

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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. 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.
05/07/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/30/2023	Complaint 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
2nd Building	School Age		0	0	C	20	C	29	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203							
Main	1R I - 4 yr olds	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2L A - Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	2R H - 4 yr olds (Summer Camp)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3L B - Toddlers	One Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R G - 3 yr olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	23	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4L C - Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4R F - 3 yr olds	Three Year Olds	1	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5L D - 2 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6L E- Older 2 yr olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203							
Total # Children this Date: 148			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

Monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/07/2024

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

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)



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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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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)

Not Evaluated

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.

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 present:

Second Right

- * A toilet brush was located in the children's bathroom

Third right and Fourth Right (adjacent bathroom)

- * A broom, dust pan and baby wipes labeled as a "suffocation hazard" were present in the children's bathroom

Fourth Right

- * Hand sanitizer spray, Aquaphor healing ointment and Destin cream labeled keep out of reach of children were located in the children's book bags.

Third Left and Fourth Left (adjacent bathroom)

- * A toilet brush and baby wipes labeled as a "suffocation hazard" were present in the children's bathroom.

Fifth Left

- * Baby wipes and plastic bags labeled as a "suffocation hazard" were located underneath an unlocked cabinet underneath the sink

- * Baby wipes, toilet brush, and Aquaphor healing ointment, labeled as "keep out of reach of children" were located in the children's bathroom.

Sixth Left

- * Plastic bags were located in an unlocked cabinet under the sink.

- * Toilet brushes were located in the children's bathroom.

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: 5/7/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined on observation the following equipment posed as a hazard:

Area A Right Side

- * Chipped paint was present at the bottom of the curved tube slide connected to the green and tan climbing structure.

- * Chipped paint was present on the green poles connected to the swings.

- * Rust was present on the "S" hooks and triangle hooks connected to the swings.

- * "S" hooks were not closed properly at the bottom of the swings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure climbing and swinging equipment has adequate resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone areas as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined on observation the following playground hazards were present:

Area A Right Side Playground

* Splintered and rotten wood was located along the back fence adjacent to the basketball court.

AS Playground

* An approximate five inch gap was located at the bottom of the fence on the right side of the playground.

Additionally, an approximate six inch gap was located underneath the fence on the right and left side area.

* The small fence that leads to the outside area located between Area A Right Side Playground and the AS Playground was detached at the bottom.

* An uncovered grill was on the back left side of the playground.

* Tree branches were hanging over the fence on the left and right side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2024

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures 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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or 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 this date.

Vehicle tag number ending in Q923 was completed on April 9, 2024 and tag ending in Q922 was completed on April 4, 2024.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. The director reported the minor seat tears will be repaired by May 10, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

Staff Records

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 six files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on December 13, 2023.

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.