



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/7/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-66086

Cedars Preschool at Union Grove

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Quality Rated: No

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. 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.
04/07/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/18/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/17/2025	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	C- Freshman A Ones	One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Infant B 6mth-12mth	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	Rm. F Sophomore A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm. D- Freshman B- Ones	One Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm. I Jr B 3's	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Rm. Infant A	Infants	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Rm. G Sophomore B 2's	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm. H Jr A 3's	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers, Transitioning
Main	Rm. J Sr A 4/5's		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm. K Sr B 4/5's	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 101			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

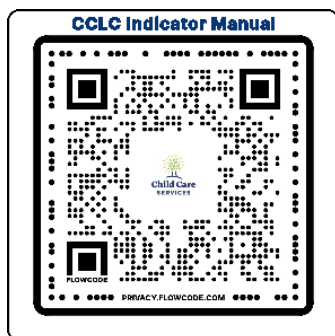
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Infants/Toddlers	58	C
Main	Playground B 35mth - 5yrs	88	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	23	33	44	42	0	0

Comments

The Exit Conference was discussed with the Director

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff provided attention throughout Main Rm C- Freshman A -ones and Main Rm D- Freshman B-ones classrooms.

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that Main Rm C- Freshman A -ones, Main Rm D- Freshman B-ones, and Main Rm K Sr B 4/5's classrooms had missing sink bowls in the dramatic play kitchen that posed an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the equipment or sink bowls in the dramatic play area are secured to prevent the children from removing them.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

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 that Main Rm C- Freshman A -ones and Main Rm D- Freshman B-ones classrooms did not have books accessible to children as required.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

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

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no ants crawling in the Main Infant B 6mth-12mth classroom, and there was no mold underneath the cribs in the Main Infant B 6mth-12mth classroom.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the ceiling tile is repaired in classroom Main Rm F Sophomore A.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that Main Playground A Infants/Toddlers had 12 screws protruding out of the top, middle and bottom corners of the playground fence. Additionally, Main Playground B 35mth - 5yrs had 40 screws protruding out of the top, middle and bottom corners of the playground fence, which posed a scratching hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2026

Food Service

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

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no children enrolled in the Main Infant B 6mth-12mth classroom that had any illnesses, and parents are now notified when illnesses are present in any of the classrooms.

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in Main Infant B 6mth-12mth classroom, an Infant had on a blue pacifier clip attached to their clothing that posed a strangulation hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing mats in the Main Rm. Infant A and Main Infant B 6mth-12mth classrooms had blue tape on them that covered tears on the mats. The changing mats were not nonporous and posed a contamination hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Director will be ordering new changing mats.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2026

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Director provided 12 files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.