



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 6/16/2026 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:30 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-2144

Cedartown First Methodist Church Preschool, INC

201 Wissahickon Avenue Cedartown, GA 30125 Polk County
(770) 748-2203

Special Investigations Unit Specialist

LaToya Longshore

Phone: (470) 542-7388

Fax: (404) 478-8102

latoya.longshore@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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.
06/16/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/14/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/01/2025	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-1st Left		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B-2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-3rd Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-1st Right		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-3rd Right	Infants	2	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			74		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	39	C

Comments

The follow up report was concluded on this date and discussed with Jessica Dyer, person in charge.

The investigative findings were not concluded on this date. The investigation remains open pending additional information. Upon completion, the findings will be reviewed with the child care program and a final copy of the report will be sent.

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.dec.al.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!



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Summary Report

Date: 6/16/2026 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:30 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-2144

Cedartown First Methodist Church Preschool, INC
201 Wissahickon Avenue Cedartown, GA 30125 Polk County
(770) 748-2203

Special Investigations Unit Specialist
LaToya Longshore
Phone: (470) 542-7388
Fax: (404) 478-8102
latoya.longshore@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address
Same

The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation in Classroom A, a white kitchen set and white shelf located on the left side of the classroom were not secured.

In Classroom D, the kitchen set observed to be unsecured.

It was further observed in Classroom B, the playhouse located on the back right side of the classroom was not secured.

Additionally, it was observed in Classroom E, the kitchen set on the left side of the classroom was not secured to the wall and a red and black microwave placed on top of the refrigerator was not secured.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

Recited on 6/16/2026

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

The consultant observed no hazards in Classroom C and Classroom E on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

The consultant observed the restroom near Classroom E clean and free of debris.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

The consultant observed the appropriate Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Pediatric First Aid Training on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

The consultant observed the appropriate Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Pediatric First Aid Training on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

The consultant observed the appropriate Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Pediatric First Aid Training on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer**

Defer

This rule will be deferred until the next regulatory visit for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025