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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/11/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:25 PM

CCLC-51765

Cedars Preschool at Mt. Zion

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/11/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/11/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
03/07/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing

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.

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	Rm A: 1L - Infants	Infants	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Rm B : 1R -Infants	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	Rm C : 2L - 1 yr olds	One Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm D : 3L-Toddlers	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm E: 4L-3 yr olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm F: 5L - School age		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm G: 6L-School age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	25	NC	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm H: 6R-4 yr olds	PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm I: 5R -4 yr olds		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm J:4R - 3-4 yr old	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm K: 3R- 3yr olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	17	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm L:2R - 2-3yr olds	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 113			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants	16	C
Main	B - School age	99	C
Main	C - Preschool	32	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

10-11-2022: The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decal.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

**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@decal.ga.gov 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)

Jessica Anderson, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Not Met

Finding

)591-1-1-.17(7)(a) requires washcloth handwashing be used only for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold or cannot stand safely and for children with special needs; requires that an individual washcloth be used only once for each child before laundering. It was determined based on observation that a staff person did not wash an infants hands after changing their diaper in classroom B: 1R - Infants.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on how to correctly use washcloth handwashing and will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on consultant's observation, a staff member was observed to not wash their hands with soap and water after diaper changing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on consultant's observation that a ratio of 1:17 (sixteen two-year-old children and one three-year-old) was observed in classroom K-3R while on the playground on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022