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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/9/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:20 PM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

CCLC-56993

Cedars Preschool at Rex

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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.
Date	Visit Type	Designation	
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
Main	1R I - 4 yr olds	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2L A - Infants		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R H - 4 yr olds (Summer Camp)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L B - Toddlers		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	3R G - 3 yr olds	Three Year Olds	1	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4L C - Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4R F - 3 yr olds	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5L D - 2 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6L E - Older 2 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 90			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

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

The program received permission to operate on this date. The facility carries liability insurance.

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



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!

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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

Margaret Pringle, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

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 consultant's 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.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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 observed to be routinely met by center.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultant's observation room F and G flooring lacked back boards to seal the flooring.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. New flooring is being installed.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(6) requires each child's personal items to be kept in individually labeled cubbies, lockers or racks separated from articles used by other children. The spaces shall be accessible to the children to whom they are assigned. It was determined based on consultant's observation cubbies in room B, C and D were inaccessible to the children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide each child with individually labeled and accessible storage. The center will add bags for storage that are accessible to the children in the above rooms.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. It was determined based on consultant's observation playground A lacked a shade structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify a safe route or method to reach any non-adjacent playground and submit it for approval. The Center will install structures to provide shade if there is not sufficient natural shade on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2022**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 consultant's observation rust spots on fencing surrounding infant and toddler playground, screw protrusions on fencing corner poles surrounding the school age playground and air condition unit lacked a barrier.

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: 6/9/2022**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 based on consultant's observation several stationary pieces of equipment had rust spots and chipped paint on the iron bars: blue/red airplane, fire truck, blue car and blue lego tunnel.

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: 6/19/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant's observation insufficient resilient material under red structure with gray climbing wall over five feet in height lacked the required six inches of surfacing. It measured at three inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2022

Health and Hygiene

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, non porous, 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 the diaper changing surface lacked a guard and or rail to prevent falls.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, non porous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

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

Comment

The children were napping during the visit. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

The children were down for a nap during the visit. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Sixteen (16) of sixteen (16) cribs were present meeting CPSC guidelines as they were manufactured in 2012, 2016, 2017 and 2018..

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on consultant's observation cots/mats were accessible to the children in room B, C, D, E, F and G.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others. Please ensure cots that's not in use are stored inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 55**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/23/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/14/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/30/2018	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 04/04/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/21/2020	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/21/2011	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 06/14/2021	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 09/27/2021	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/31/2017	Met

Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 08/31/2017	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Staff # 45	Met
Staff # 46	Met
Staff # 47	Met
Staff # 48 Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	Met
Staff # 49	Met

Records Reviewed: 55

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 50 Met

Date of Hire: 07/21/2018

Staff # 51 Met

Staff # 52 Met

Staff # 53 Met

Staff # 54 Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2021

Staff # 55 Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment

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

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

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