



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 5/21/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-937**

**A Child's World - Columbia Rd.**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/21/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11/21/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12/06/2023                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                    |                  |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                       |
|                                    |                  |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                                 |
|                                    |                  |               | <b>Deficient</b> - 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                           | 1st Left  |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 22                              | C            | 31         | C            |                     |
| Main                           | 1st Right |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 17                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                           | 2nd Left  |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 19                              | C            | 27         | C            |                     |
| Main                           | 2nd Right |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 18                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                           | 3rd Left  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 25       | C    | 27                              | C            | 38         | C            | Music               |
| Main                           | 3rd Right | Infants and One Year Olds          | 3                               | 15       | C    | 22                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Floor Play |
| Main                           | 4th Right | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 19       | C    | 32                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers             |
|                                |           |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 157 |              |            |              |                     |
| Total # Children this Date: 59 |           |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 157 |              |            |              |                     |

| Building | Playground                   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG- Left and Rear Playground | 90                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG- Right                    | 62                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 5                 | 15      | 18      | 12      | 8       | 0                  | 7                 |

#### Comments

The report was reviewed in full with the owner. All core rules were evaluated with the owner on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decga.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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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:**

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that toys are not stacked on top of shelves in order to prevent any tipping hazards. Also, please ensure that staff do not leave chairs stacked when children are present in the classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Evening Care**

**591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

No evening care hours provided

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**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 that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

**3rd Left Classroom:**

- A stapler, adult scissors, and staff bag were on a table.
- A plunger, toilet brush, and dirty plastic bag were on the floor in the bathroom.

**3rd Right Classroom:**

- A staff purse was on a low shelf.

**4th Right Classroom:**

- A bottle of Great Value Lavender Scent Multi-Purpose Cleaner was in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the bathroom.
- A bottle of SCJ Professional Refresh Antibac Foam Hand wash was in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the bathroom.
- Two bottles of Bacterial Digestant Deodorant were in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the bathroom.
- Two bottles of Clorox Disinfecting Spray were in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the bathroom.
- Two bottles of Great Value Toilet Bowl Cleaner were in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the 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: 5/21/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that window sills are cleaned, classroom blinds are repaired, and window screens are secured as required.

**Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025**

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**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 upon observation that the following fencing hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

**Right Playground:**

- The chain link fence was rusted at the top pole at the front middle of the playground.
- There were 41 out of 41 bolts over two threads.
- The gate at the front of the playground entrance measured three feet and ten inches when four feet was required.
- The chain link fencing facing the building measured at three feet and ten inches when four feet was required.
- There were eight out of eight bolts over two threads at the front right corner of the playground.
- There was rust at the top pole of the chain link fencing at the front right of the playground.

**Left & Rear Playground:**

- There were 34 out of 34 protruding bolts at the chain link fence gate between the Right playground and Left & Rear playground.
- There were seven protruding nails at the back right wooden fence.
- The chain link fencing was rusted at the top pole between the Right playground and Left & Rear playground.
- There were 11 out of 11 protruding nails at the front right wooden fencing.
- The back top right corner measured at three feet seven inches when four feet was required.

**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: 6/20/2025**

**Recited on 5/21/2025**

**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 observation that the following equipment hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

Right Playground:

- There were four bolts measuring over two threads on the blue and yellow see saw.

Left & Rear Playground:

- There were eight out of eight swing chains rusted.
- There were eight out of eight open S hooks on the bottom of the swing chains.
- The green see saw at the back right side of the building was not installed according to manufacturer's guidelines.

**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: 6/20/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultants and Director discussed ensuring that resilient surfacing is added to the gray and teal slide on the Right playground.

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2025**

**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 based upon observation that the following hazards were observed and accessible to children:

Right Playground:

- The green rattan lounge was broken with sharp pieces exposed.
- There were several spider webs in the shade structure and the teal and gray slide equipment.

Left & Rear Playground:

- There was one concrete mixer at the back right side of the building.
- There was one wasp nest under the green wooden shade structure.

**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: 6/13/2025**

**Recited on 5/21/2025**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please remind staff to disinfect the diaper change surfaces prior to and after each diaper change.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based upon observation that two children did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after diapering in the 3rd Right Classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025****Recited on 5/21/2025****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 upon observation that a staff member did not wash their hands prior to diapering two children and after diapering one child in the 3rd Right Classroom. It was further determined that a staff member in the 4th Right Classroom did not wash their hands after wiping a child's nose.

**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: 5/21/2025****Recited on 5/21/2025****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that center staff failed to document in writing the departure, unload, and arrival time for the morning transportation route from the center to Westmont Elementary and Martinez Elementary on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each date and time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of records that center staff failed to document the first check of the vehicle for the morning route on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from the center to Westmont Elementary School and Martinez Elementary School.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that center staff failed to document the second check of the vehicle for the morning route on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from the center to Westmont Elementary School and Martinez Elementary School.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

**Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025**

**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**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure that staff close classroom doors in order to prevent children from going into the hallways unattended.

