



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/4/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-937

A Child's World - Columbia Rd.

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Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
11/04/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/21/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/21/2024	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	1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	19	C	22	C	31	C	Nap
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	27	C	38	C	
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th Right		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 157					
Total # Children this Date: 48					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
6	10	16	17	8	0	26

Comments

The Consultant and Provider discussed the report and best practices.

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.decgal.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@decgal.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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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 on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper storage of potentially hazardous items throughout the Center on this date.

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.
- The fencing along the front left side of the playground measured three feet in height from the top of the bar along the bottom of the fencing.
- The gate door facing the main road on the front left side of the playground had a five inch gap on the right side of the gate and a four inch gap on the left side of the gate door.
- There was a six inch gap on the bottom of the fencing on the front left side of the playground.

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: 11/28/2025

Recited on 11/4/2025

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:

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.

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: 11/14/2025

Recited on 11/4/2025

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.26(9) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the playground to be free of a green rattan lounger, spider webs in the shade structure and the teal and gray slide equipment., a concrete mixer, and wasp nest under the green wooden shade structure on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.17(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that Center staff stated proper handwashing procedures as the visit was conducted during nap time on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.17(8) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that Center staff stated proper handwashing procedures as the visit was conducted during nap time on this date.

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

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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined [].

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Center's information and the children's information is included on each vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed complete documentation of transportation logs on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.36(7)(d)1. - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed complete documentation of transportation logs on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Corrected on 11/4/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed complete documentation of transportation logs on this date.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children 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.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed naptime ratios.