



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/21/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:15 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 11/21/2024                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/06/2023                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/03/2022                         | Complaint Closure | 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     | 10       | C                               | 22         | C            | 31         | C            | Nap            |
| Main                            | 1st Right | Infants and One Year Olds | 2     | 11       | C                               | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Floor Play |
| Main                            | 2nd Left  |                           | 0     | 0        | C                               | 19         | C            | 27         | C            |                |
| Main                            | 2nd Right | One Year Olds             | 2     | 13       | C                               | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap            |
| Main                            | 3rd Left  | Four Year Olds            | 1     | 13       | C                               | 27         | C            | 38         | C            | Nap            |
| Main                            | 3rd Right | Two Year Olds             | 2     | 17       | 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: 64  |           |                           |       |          | 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                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 12                       | 14      | 20      | 20      | 11      | 0                  | 21                |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/21/2024

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.

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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:**

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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(Findings 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.

**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.

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

Met

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023**

**Corrected on 11/21/2024**

**.25(3) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to be in good repair 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:

**PG Left and Rear:**

- The fencing on the top right side of the chain link fencing was not connected at the pole causing a six inch gap.
- There was a four inch gap at the gate leading into the Left and Rear Playground causing a potential entrapment hazard.
- The fencing along the top right side of the rear playground measured at three feet and nine inches when four feet was required.
- The fencing located at the back top right corner of the rear playground measured at three feet and two inches when four feet was required.
- The fencing on the left side of the playground facing the parking lot measured at three feet and four inches when four feet was required.
- There was a six inch gap at the bottom of the wooden fencing on the middle backside of the rear playground.
- There were fence bolts that measured over two threads throughout the fencing on Left and Rear Playgrounds.

**PG-Right Playground:**

- There were 39 out of 39 fence bolts at the gate leading to the front of the building that measured over two threads.
- The fencing facing the main road measured at three feet and nine inches when four feet was required.
- The fencing facing the front entrance of the Center measured at three feet and nine inches when four feet was required.
- The right side of the fencing facing the main road measured three feet and two 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: 12/27/2024**

**Recited on 11/21/2024**

**Correction Deadline: 12/23/2023**

**Corrected on 11/21/2024**

**.26(6) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the outdoor equipment to be maintained as required on this date.**

**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:

PG-Right:

- There was black weed fabric in the sand box under the gazebo causing a potential tripping hazard.
- There was an uncovered red Step Two sand and water table with standing water measuring at two feet and five inches deep.

PG-Left and Rear:

- There were six nails protruding outward from the bottom of the wooden fencing beam on the front left side of the playground.

**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: 11/29/2024**

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2023**

**Corrected on 11/21/2024**

.15(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe the feeding chairs to be in use on this date. Staff members stated that infants are securely strapped into the feeding chairs when in use.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**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 three children did not wash their hands with liquid soap and running water after toileting in Classroom 1L.

**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: 11/21/2024**

**Recited on 11/21/2024**

**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 with liquid soap and warm running water assisting two children with toileting in Classroom 1L.

**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: 11/21/2024**

**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)****Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**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-.33 Staff Training****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023**

**Corrected on 11/21/2024**

.33(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed Staff #3 and Staff #8 to have completed ten hours of annual training for the 2023 calendar year 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.

**Comment**

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