



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 10/13/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:05 AM

**Departure:** 12:30 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.  <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.
10/13/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/13/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/18/2022	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	13	C	22	C	31	C	Centers
Main	1st Right	Infants	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd Left	PreK	2	19	C	27	C	38	C	Circle Time
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Right	PreK	2	12	C	32	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 185							
Total # Children this Date: 78			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 185							

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

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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](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.

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)

April Skinner, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Met

##### Comment

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022**

**Corrected on 10/13/2022**

.12(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no stacked chairs were observed present and accessible to children on this date.

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

N/A

##### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing	
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

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Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

**.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that eight of eight children's files contained all required information on this date. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the parents' work addresses were documented.**

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**Evening Care**

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

No evening care hours provided

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**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

**.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

**.25(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the Center and surrounding premises were observed to be kept clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

**.26(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playground was observed to be enclosed by a fence at least four feet high that was observed to be securely anchored at the bottom on this date.**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

.15(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center had signed written infant feeding plans for each child less than one-year-old enrolled on this date. The Consultant discussed the infant feeding plans with the Director on this date.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that center staff did not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items on this date.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Organization**

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**591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/29/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

.37(e) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records and staff statement, that the Center shall not make or condone any Staff to make a false or misleading statement to the Department in connection with any authorized investigation or inspection being conducted by the Department.

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**Safety**

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022****Corrected on 10/13/2022**

.36(4)(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, that the interior of the vehicles used for routine transportation were observed to be in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2022

Corrected on 10/13/2022

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that the center documented second checks of the vehicle at the end of each route of routine transportation on this date.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/03/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/14/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 07/21/2009

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/05/2022

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2022

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**

<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2022**

**Corrected on 10/13/2022**

**.31(2)(b)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that the Center had evidence of minimum academic requirements or a professional learning plan for each identified lead caregiver/teacher on this date.**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

<b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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