



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

**Date:** 4/28/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-50207**

**Big Blue Marble - Evans Towne Center**

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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.
04/28/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/31/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
03/01/2021	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	A-Infant	Infants	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	B-Infant	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Room 2 (D)	PreK	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 3(E)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 4(F)	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	15	C	22	C	Lunch,Story
Main	Room 5(G)		0	0	C	18	C	26	C	
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	26	C	Nap,Diapering
Main	Room 7(I)	PreK	2	20	C	25	C	35	C	Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 104

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145

Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant- Right Front	11	C
Main	PG A- Left Playground	62	C
Main	PG B- Center Playground	26	C

Main	PG C- Right Playground	36	C
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### Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

April 28, 2021- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on the previous visit on March 1, 2021.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/Regulations.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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

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Rhonda McMullen, Program Official

Date

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Chilon Martin, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

### Children's Records

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Not Met**

##### Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined, based on review of records, that five of five children's files reviewed were lacking the complete address for release persons on this date.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/5/2021**

**Recited on 4/28/2021**

### Safety

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2021**

Corrected on 4/28/2021

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed the staff member using re-direction as a form of discipline.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/16/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 10/21/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/24/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/20/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Records Reviewed: 21**

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

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2021

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

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 01/23/2019

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2021

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

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2021**

**Corrected on 4/28/2021**

**Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed a satisfactory comprehensive on file for this staff member.**

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