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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/4/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-50207

Big Blue Marble - Evans Towne Center

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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.
04/04/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/07/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/12/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	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	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-Infant		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 2 (D)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 3(E)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 4(F)	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	15	C	22	C	Nap
Main	Room 5(G)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	18	C	26	C	Nap
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	26	C	Nap
Main	Room 7(I)		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 65			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

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on this date with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An Administrative Review was conducted on April 6, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of licensing study visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on April 7, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2022

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.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



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.ga.gov 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 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)

Ashley Hansen, Program Official

Date

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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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2021

Corrected on 4/4/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that 7 children's files reviewed contained all required information on this date.

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.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center was lacking information on 16 of 16 infant feeding plans reviewed, as the forms used did not contain the updated information for introduction to solid foods and developmental questions contained on the updated feeding plan, which was revised on October 1, 2020. The Consultant provided the Center with the updated infant feeding plan form by email.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center's current menu indicated that string cheese would be served on two dates in April for afternoon snack, when string cheese was not to be served to children less than four years of age due to it being of similar shape and size of the trachea or windpipe.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined, based on review of records, that four of eight vehicle medical information records reviewed were lacking the phone number for the emergency contact and/or the child's primary care physician on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Corrected on 4/4/2022

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the driver or other designated person documented in writing the time of arrival, departure, loading the vehicle, and unloading the vehicle on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Corrected on 4/4/2022

.36(7)(d)1. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center documented first checks of the vehicle immediately upon unloading the last child at any location at the end of routine transportation on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Corrected on 4/4/2022

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center documented the second check of the vehicle used for routine transportation upon completion of the first check of the vehicle on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Corrected on 4/4/2022

.36(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center restricted a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination during routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure children were placed on cots and mats so that one child's head was toward another child's feet in the same row to reduce the spread of airborne diseases.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 8

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/14/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 5	Not Met
Date of Hire: 12/09/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	
Staff # 10	Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/08/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	

Records Reviewed: 24**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 8**

Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/16/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/29/2016	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/12/2021 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/07/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/27/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/21/2021 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	Not Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/07/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 03/18/2022	Met
<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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**Not Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires, in a Center that provides transportation, that either the driver or another Staff person present on the vehicle have current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staff # 19, identified as a driver, did not have current evidence of certification in first aid and CPR training on this date, when it was required for a staff with first aid and CPR be present on the vehicle during transportation on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will verify proof of CPR/1st aid training and schedule Staff so that there is always a staff person on the vehicle with this training.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staffs # 5 and 6 did not have evidence of obtaining certification in first aid and CPR training within 90 days of their hire date, as required. It was further determined that Staffs # 4, 10, 12, 16, 18, and 19 had expired first aid and CPR certification on file on this date. The Center has scheduled first aid and CPR training for May 21, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2022

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**

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