



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

**Date:** 11/19/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM

**Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-50216**

**Big Blue Marble - Dallas Acworth Hwy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
11/19/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/23/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

**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.

**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- 6wks to 12 months	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	B- 1's	One Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 2's	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- GA Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-1/ GA Pre K	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-2/ GA PreK	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-1/ 4 and up (AS)		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 86			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Left Front - 6wks- 12 months	14	C
Main	Playground B - Left Side/ Rear- 1's and 2's	43	C
Main	Playground C - Right Side/Rear/ 3 and up	82	C
Main	Playground D - Right Side/Center Area/ 3 and up	62	C

**Comments**

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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June Boardman, Program Official

Date

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Angelia Boykins, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.19(1) - Observed complaint

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2021**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2021**

**Corrected on 11/19/2021**

**.25(3)-Observed corrected on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 10/27/2021****Corrected on 11/19/2021****.15(7) - The director stated that only one child brought a lunch bag and that child is no longer enrolled in the center. This citation has been corrected.**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

591-1-1-.10(2) - Staff stated proper diapering procedure.

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2021**

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

591-1-1-.17(8) - Staff stated proper handwashing procedures.

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2021**

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Defer****Correction Deadline: 10/27/2021****Corrected on 11/19/2021****.30(2) - Cribs were observed safe, clean and free of hazards.****Defer**

591-1-1-.30(4)-Not observed as it was nap time and cots were in use.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

**Correction Deadline: 10/27/2021**

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**Staff Records**

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Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 01/15/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/21/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/21/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/14/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/19/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 04/01/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/10/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/20/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 05/23/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 16	Met

**Records Reviewed: 20**

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

Date of Hire: 02/17/2021

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2021

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

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2021

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2018

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2021

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-Will be evaluated during the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021**

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.