



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/29/2025 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 1:30 PM Departure: 5:20 PM

CCLC-50217

Big Blue Marble - Hwy 155

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
05/29/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/17/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/18/2025	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: 1R: Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds	3	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: 3R: two's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D: 4R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap,Art
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	I: 4L: three's	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art,Nap
Main	J: 3L: two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K: 2L: one's	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			217		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 124			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		217					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C
Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C
Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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.

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)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or 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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2025

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant did not observe potential hazardous equipment or materials accessible to children on this date.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit. There was heavy rains and the playgrounds were muddy.

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: 3/17/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2025

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.10(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant did not observe a blue changing surface in classroom A1R or any other surface with a tear on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.36(6) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant reviewed 27 of 27 transportation authorization forms with parent signatures on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the children's cots were not properly stored and were accessible to the children care. There were 20 cots stacked on top of each which posed a tipping hazard as well as not covered on this date.

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: 5/29/2025

Recited on 5/29/2025

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected. A review of records was completed by the consultant with a certificate dating March 26, 2025.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2025

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.