



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/13/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 4:00 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.
08/13/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/29/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/17/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support	

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 and One Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	B-Infant	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Floor Play
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Room 2 (D)	One Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 3(E)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 4(F)	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	22	C	Nap
Main	Room 5(G)	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	26	C	Nap
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	26	C	Nap
Main	Room 7(I)	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 108					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

8/13/2024: The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous

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.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:

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.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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant, as the previous easel was removed from Classroom C.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.19(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant, as Classroom G and Classroom I did not exceed the required number of children for the center's licensed capacity.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant. The center resurfaced the bottom of the fences and gate on the playgrounds with mulch to prevent a potential entrapment hazard. The left playground gate latch has been repaired and secured.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant. The red tunnel on the black wooden train structure was repaired to prevent a potential pinching hazard.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant. Metal pipes and fountains located on the playgrounds were covered with pool noodles and were not accessible to children. Exposed tree roots on each playground were painted to prevent tripping hazards. The concrete at the bottom of the metal rain gutter was repaired to prevent potential tripping hazard.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant, as proper handwashing was observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant, as proper handwashing was observed throughout the center.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date by the Consultant, as adequate supervision and watchful oversight was provided to the childre at the center.