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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/7/2021 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-50207

Big Blue Marble - Evans Towne Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/07/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
11/12/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing
10/12/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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

Comments
A virtual Plan of Improvement Follow Up inspection was conducted on December 7, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.decal.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 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.decal.ga.gov/
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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@decal.ga.gov.

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://decal.ga.gov/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)

Ashley Hansen, Program Official Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2021

Corrected on 12/7/2021
.03(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation and staff statement, in that staff were observed to provide direct supervision and individual attention to each child on this date during the virtual walk through. Staff have been instructed to respond promptly to children's distress signals and need for comfort.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that chairs were not stacked in classrooms when children were present and active.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2021

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2021

Corrected on 12/7/2021
.12(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that equipment and furniture was observed to be secured from tipping, falling, or being pushed over on this date.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Defer**

Defer
591-1-1-.08(1) - The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

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

Safety

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

Defer
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3.- The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Defer
591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1.- The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Defer
591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2.- The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Defer
591-1-1-.36(8) - The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will ensure that the travel time is no more than forty-five minutes on each trip.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021