



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/18/2024 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 12:00 PM

CCLC-50414

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Big Blue Marble - Hartley Station

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Quality Rated: No

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.
03/18/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/13/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/20/2024	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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	A1-Infants	Infants	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering
Main	A3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A4-3 year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	A5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A6-4 year olds	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A7-School Age		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	B1-Infants	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Diapering
Main	B4-2 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C
Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C
Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C
Main	PA 5- Back	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this investigation were to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on a previous visit.

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.al.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!

Skye Baldwin, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities

Defer

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591-1-1-.03(7)(a)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will develop and follow a schedule that provides the required amount of outdoor activity for all children, including infants. The director will order additional items age appropriate outdoor blankets or soft mats for children for outside time.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2024

Facility

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.25(3)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The director reported that a new roof was in the process of being installed. The director will follow up with consultant if more time is needed to ensure the roof / leaks are repaired.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

Corrected on 3/18/2024

The previous citation was found corrected on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

Corrected on 3/18/2024

The previous citation was found corrected on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

Corrected on 3/18/2024

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Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 3/18/2024

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