



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/24/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-50823

Big Blue Marble - Grovetown

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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.
10/24/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up	Support	
10/24/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering, Nap
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack,Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	E	GA PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play,Diapering
Main	G	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music,Diapering
Main	H	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Music
Main	I	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J	GA PreK	2	22	C	21	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Centers

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 151	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	21	C
Main	B	50	C
Main	C	67	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a CI/LS.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 11/07/2023

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:

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!

Holly Mullins, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, CCS Coordinator

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.03(2) - Please ensure that the Center keeps current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. On this date classroom C-One Year Old, and classroom D- One Year Old did not have current lesson plans on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

	Facility
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Met

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Met

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Not Met

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the cabinet under the diaper changing table in classroom G was unlocked and the following items were accessible: bleach spray, soap bottle spray, and Desitin diaper cream.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023

Defer

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

591-1-1-.26(9)- Due to excessive amount of rain this will be followed up on the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Food Service

Met

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Met

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

Met

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that children in classroom F were observed not washing their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023

Recited on 10/24/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that a staff member in classroom C and classroom D were observed to not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water before diaper changes.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023

Recited on 10/24/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Comment

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots are stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. On this date the consultant observed cots accessible in classroom F, and I.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided ten file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.