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Date: 3/13/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

CCLC-50414

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. 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.
03/13/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/20/2024	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/30/2024	TA 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	A1-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A4-3 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A6-4 year olds	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A7-School Age	Six Year Olds and Over	0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B1-Infants	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B4-2 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 133					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

A CI/LS was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/13/2024

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!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(7)(a) requires a center that operates five hours or more per day to provide at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants. It was determined based on observation and staff statements infants and one-year-old children were not provided outside time daily, weather permitting in classroom A1 and B1.

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

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. The director reported additional toys / equipment was ordered. Additional may be needed for classrooms A2, A4, A5, A7, B2, and B3. Pictures will be submitted to the Department by COB: April 10, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure Center Staff ensures that children's bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation the following was not in good repair:

- * Ceiling tiles contained holes, were buckled, cracked, and stained due to roof leaks in the classrooms and children's bathrooms in A1, A3, A4, A5, Ga-Prek, B2, B3, B4, and B5.
- * The diaper changing table rails had chipped paint present in classroom A1.
- * The door under the diaper changing table in classroom A1 was not properly secured.
- * The wooden door of the children's sink was broken and chipped paint was present in classroom A4.
- * The door which lead to the playground area was not open without excessive force which posed as an entrapment hazard in classroom A4.
- * Vents were not working in the children's bathrooms in classroom A4 (boys) and in classroom B5 (girls). In classroom B5 (girls) there was a hole was also present in the ceiling of the bathroom with the vent hanging and detached from the ceiling. Additionally, the vent in the bathroom of classroom B4 (girls) was not properly secured.
- * Lights were uncovered with a protective shield in the children's bathroom in classroom A4 (girls), A7 (girls), and B4 (boys). Additionally, the light was not operable in classroom B3 (boys) bathroom.
- * The tissue holder in classroom A4 (girls) was broken.
- * Toilet lids did not properly fit the toilets which posed as a pinching hazard in classroom B3 (girls and boys).
- * The children's cubbies and cabinets underneath the sinks had chipped paint present in classroom A7, B2, B3, and B5.
- * The entry door to classroom B3 was not properly installed as the door closed with force upon entering and exiting the classroom.

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

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based observation and the menu children three-years-old and under were served meatballs and children four-years-old and older were also served meatballs that were not cut in such a way to minimize choking.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard. The director reported that meatballs would be removed from the menu.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

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

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.29(3) requires the Director or designated person-in-charge to report or cause to be reported to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a child while in the care of the Center; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a child while in the care of the Center; any situation when a child in care becomes missing, such as, but not limited to, a child who is left on a vehicle, a child who leaves the building, playground, or property, or a child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the program's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open). It was determined that the center did not report temporary closures since July of 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a procedure so everyone knows how and when to report these incidents to the Department and will follow-up to make sure they are reported as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

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 redirection observed 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 and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicles 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)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

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 sheets and blankets were not stored properly as children's sheets and blankets were touching in classroom B5.

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: 3/13/2024

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided 11 file(s) for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2023 on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the Center to has qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.31(13) prohibits Center Staff from committing any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center and requires Center staff to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based on a review of records vehicle with tag number ending in LF010 had an expired tag with the expiration date of January 31. 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all Staff comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

Corrected on 3/13/2024

Correction of citation in that the director reported a staff meeting was held and supervision was discussed with all staff members to ensure children are within arm's length of them at pickup and are not at the door. Parents were also notified to be mindful of children when entering and exiting the classrooms. Supervision training certificates of new staff members will also be submitted to the Department by COB: March 18, 2024.