



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/9/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:55 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-50414

Big Blue Marble - Hartley Station

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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.
07/09/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/26/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	
04/23/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	A2-1 year olds		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	A3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A4-3 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	A5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A6-4 year olds	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A7-School Age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	B1-Infants		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B4-2 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 91

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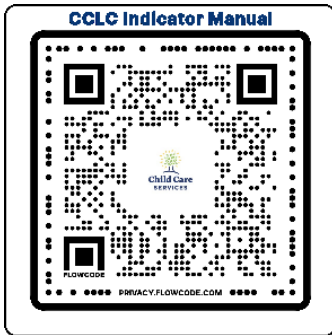
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C
Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C
Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	10	19	20	29	0	29

Comments

Technical assistance provided for transportation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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.state.ga.us/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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

The previous citation was associated with a complaint.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed toys and supplies. The Consultant discussed ensuring that toys were not left on the floor so that a tripping or fall hazard was not posed.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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

Technical Assistance

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The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the complete address was listed for person(s) authorized to pick children up from the Center.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that there were several bathrooms with urine on toilets and around toilets, as well as on the bathroom floor.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

Recited on 7/9/2026

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

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

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 that multiple classrooms had crayon present on doors, windows, walls, floors, and furniture. Further, there was tape residue on multiple walls in multiple classrooms.

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.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2026

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

A member of management stated that artificial turf was scheduled to be placed over the areas with chipped concrete over the weekend and this rule will be reevaluated on the following regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The concrete will be filled in and sanded so that no sharp areas are present or covered by artificial turf.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

The citation was corrected. A can of beans was marked "Do Not Use" and held a shelf up on the right side of the pantry.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

The previous citation was associated with a complaint.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

The previous citation was associated with a complaint.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center was required to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that the following child restraints were repaired before transportation was provided: Bus 007 -- first seat belt on the right hand side would not buckle; third seat belt on the right hand side had the mechanism missing that held the belt in place; second seat belt on the left hand side had the mechanism missing that held the belt in place.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

591-1-1-.28 Prohibited Substances**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure Staff Members did not vape while on the premises.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

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