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Date: 8/25/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-50207

Big Blue Marble - Evans Towne Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/25/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/28/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing
06/04/2021	Complaint Closure	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 inspection was conducted on August 25, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/25/2021

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

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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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 **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

Facility

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

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Comment
Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

Comment
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2021

Corrected on 8/25/2021
.29(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on director statement, that 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).

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - The Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the driver documented in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason, as one child who was identified as participating in morning routine transportation only was not marked as absent during the week of August 23, 2021 for afternoon routine transportation to the Center from River Ridge Elementary.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined, based on review of records, that the transportation checklists were lacking the times of arrival and departure for afternoon routine transportation during the week of August 16, 2021 to the Center from River Ridge Elementary and Parkway Elementary. It was further determined that the transportation checklists were lacking the return time to the Center during the week of August 23, 2021 at the end of afternoon routine transportation to the Center from Greenbrier Elementary and River Ridge Elementary.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined, based on review of records, that a first check of the vehicle was not documented at the conclusion of afternoon routine transportation to the center from River Ridge Elementary and Parkway Elementary during the week of August 16, 2021.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined, based on review of records, that a second check of the vehicle was not documented at the conclusion of afternoon routine transportation to the Center from River Ridge Elementary and Parkway Elementary during the week of August 16, 2021. It was further determined that a second check of the vehicle was not documented at the conclusion of afternoon routine transportation to the Center from Greenbrier Elementary and River Ridge Elementary during the week of August 23, 2021.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.36(8) restricts a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination unless accompanied by the Parent and excluding field trips. It was determined, based on review of records, that the children's travel time was more than forty-five minutes to the Center from River Ridge Elementary, Parkway Elementary, and Greenbrier Elementary during afternoon routine transportation during the week of August 16, 2021.

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 — Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2 — Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 — Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021

Staff # 4 — Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2020

Staff # 5 — Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2021

Staff # 6 — Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 — Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 — Met
Date of Hire: 10/21/2019

Staff # 9 — Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2021
Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10 — Met
Date of Hire: 02/16/2021

Records Reviewed: 19	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/23/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2020	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2020	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2021	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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 files for employees hired since last visit.

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 during the virtual walk through.