



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/4/2024

VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Initial
Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM

Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-62960

Big Blue Marble Academy Powder Springs

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Temporary License

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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.
04/04/2024	Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study	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	A: Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B: Ga Pre-K	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	20	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C: 3's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	43	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D: Infants & 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	E: 1's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F: 1's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G: 1's and 2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H: 2's		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	I: 3's		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	J: 3's		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	K: 3's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 203					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 83					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left side - Preschool/School-Age	74	C
Main	Right side - Infant/Toddler	55	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an Initial Licensing Study. An administrative review was conducted this date. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. Temporary License issued this date. The facility does carry Liability Insurance.

Fire Certificate of Occupancy needed for Renewable License to be issued.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2024

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.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!

Shondale Tharpe- Willis, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed at the Center this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity of the Center is 203. Temporary license issued effective this date. Fire Certificate of Occupancy needed for issuance of a renewable license.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Ensure ceiling tiles are tight fitting with no gaps.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Ensure no debris or hazards located on playground or playground equipment.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Ensure no gaps in fences or gates.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with Center director.

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

Appropriate discipline observed.

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

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

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined that the Center director and one (1) staff member responsible for transportation had not obtained two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with Director and staff.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that six (6) of 13 crib mattresses were not tight fitting without gaps in the cribs. The cribs were not being used at the time of visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - Ensure that mats and cots stored in the classroom are covered or inaccessible while not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A supervision plan was created on this date for Classrooms A, B and I due to the shape of the classrooms.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Ensure staff are seated within an arm's length away from all children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during all meal times.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024