



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/24/2024 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-53322

Big Blue Marble Academy

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Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
04/24/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/15/2024	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
04/04/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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 : 1 R : Toddlers		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	B : 2/3 R: Infants & Toddlers	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C: 4R: 2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Story
Main	D : 5R:	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	E: 6R: Two year olds	One Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F: Back: Afterschool		0	0	C	59	C	NA	NA	
Main	G: 5L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Music, Transitioning
Main	H : 4L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	I: 3L : Four year olds	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	J : 2L : Four year olds		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	K: 1L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	22	C	19	NC	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	
Total # Children this Date: 127			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants & toddlers	44	C
Main	B - Two years old	86	C
Main	C - Four - 12 years old	123	C
Main	D - Four - 12 years old	72	C
Main	E - Three years old	74	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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!

Shelby Collins, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Facility

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.26(8)-The previous citation was deferred due to contractors scheduled to re-luff the swings and playground surfacing area on May 8, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2024

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-The previous citation was deferred due to contractors scheduled to re-luff the swings and playground surfacing area on May 8, 2024.

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.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Corrected on 4/24/2024

.29(3) - The previous citation was associated with a complaint and the correction date has since passed. The center has ensured that required reports are made within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day.

Staff Records

Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.-Previous citation has been deferred due to staff members currently enrolled in a program to obtain their lead teacher requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Corrected on 4/24/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was associated with a complaint and the correction date has since passed.