



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/18/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:55 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-58086

Big Blue Marble Academy - Buford

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Same

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.
07/18/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/09/2023	Complaint Investigation 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	A - 1L	Infants	1	1	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - 2L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	C - 3L	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	D - Back Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	36	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	E - 4R	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside, Free Play
Main	F - 3R		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G - 2R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H - 1R	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 31					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Front Left	17	C
Main	B - Middle Back	106	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring. Staff files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/18/2024

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(6) - Consultant discussed adding and rotating equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Consultant observed center to be clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., plastic grocery bag, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times. Consultant also discussed to ensure staff regularly check children's book bags, diaper bags, etc. for potential hazards if the bags are stored where children have access to them.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Consultant discussed to monitor tree branches located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties to prevent incidents and/or injuries.

Comment

Consultant observed playground observed equipment to be in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to keep playground clean, free from litter, debris, and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on an observation that the diapering guards on the diapering table in class A-1L were actively chipping painting.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(5) - Consultant discussed with staff to please ensure to keep one hand on rolling infant during diapering.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Per provider currently the center does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Consultant observed staff providing age-appropriate discussion and positive redirection and modeling on this date.

Comment

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for weeks of July 9 and July 16, 2024.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicle used in transporting children this date. Vehicle tag # RQI0617 - Expires January 31, 2025.

Comment

Per director center does not provide routine transportation. Center use vehicles during the summer, for field trips only.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided eight staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on August 17, 2023.

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.