



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/29/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-50206

Big Blue Marble - Madeline Drive

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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. 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.
04/29/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/23/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/10/2025	Complaint Closure	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		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	A		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Transitioning
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Outside, Transitioning
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Outside, Transitioning
Main	F	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Music, Free Play

Main	F	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Music,Lunch,Free Play,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 232					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Modular	G		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Modular	G		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Modular	H	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Modular	H	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 210		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 308			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant	9	C
Main	A-Infant	9	C
Main	B-Toddler	30	C
Main	B-Toddler	30	C
Main	C-Preschool	62	C
Main	C-Preschool	62	C
Main	D-School Age	53	C
Main	D-School Age	53	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	16	36	23	18	11	7

Comments

An in-person site visit was conducted on 04/29/25 for the purpose of a monitoring visit. The child care program is in compliance with the licensing requirements.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) -The consultant and director all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.No pool observed on site on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The consultant and director discussed all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the fencing between the toddler and three and four-year-old playground is anchored/bolted down. Discussed with the provider to ensure that the Pre-K classroom right corner fencing is anchored as well. Additionally discussed with the provider to ensure that the perimeter of all fencing are free of chipped/exposed rust.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) -The consultant and director discussed maintenance of resilience surfacing, fluffing and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant and director discussed removal of the sand bags from the Pre-K playground and the three's and four-year-old playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

Food Service

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

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(2) - The consultant discussed with the provider in room H(back module building) hand washing sinks does not have warm running water.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - The consultant and provider discussed, that menu's should be posted and up-to-date in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.24(1) - The consultant and director discussed, staff number two does not have a completed application on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2025

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) -Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the teachers are watching the students on the playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025