



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/18/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:10 PM
Visit

CCLC-50216

Big Blue Marble - Dallas Acworth Hwy

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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.
04/18/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/09/2023	POI 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- 6wks to 12 months	Infants	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B- 1's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Clean Up
Main	C- 2's	One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	D- GA Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	29	C	31	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E-1/ 2's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-2/2's	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-1/ 4 and up (AS)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and GA PreK	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 94		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Left Front - 6wks- 12 months	14	C
Main	Playground B - Left Side/ Rear- 1's and 2's	43	C

Main	Playground C - Right Side/Rear/ 3 and up	82	C
Main	Playground D - Right Side/Center Area/ 3 and up	62	C
Main	Playground E-Right Side Front- Water play	28	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit and complaint investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/18/2024

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.decga.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!

Brianna Drain, Program Official

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.

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.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2024

Corrected on 4/18/2024

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected in that classroom D had a working exhaust vent in the boy's bathroom on this date.

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure area rugs are not lifted on the corners and pose a tripping hazard. Director stated an order for new rugs have been placed.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation in classroom E 1/2 and classroom E 2/2, the changing station had an unlocked cabinet with different variations of diaper cream and wipes labeled keep out of reach of children stored.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

Recited on 4/18/2024

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2023

Corrected on 4/18/2024

.18(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the kitchen did have a working ventilation system in place on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2023

Corrected on 4/18/2024

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected in that the diapering exhaust vent in classroom E 1/2 was working properly on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Please ensure exhaust vents are free of dust.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

Discussed updating transportation training every two years with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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 three 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.