



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/6/2022      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 9:30 AM      **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-50414**

**Big Blue Marble - Hartley Station**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
09/06/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/06/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/13/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

  

<b>Good Standing</b>	- Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
<b>Support</b>	- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
<b>Deficient</b>	- 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	A1-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A3-2 year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A4-3 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A6-4 year olds	PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A7-School Age	Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B1-Infants	Infants	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B3-2 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B4-2 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 134			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C
Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C

Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C
Main	PA 5- Back	21	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2022

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



**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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://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)

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Tara McClung, Program Official

Date

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April Brown, Consultant

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**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/26/2022**

**Corrected on 9/6/2022**

**Correction of citation in that additional toys were added to both classrooms as required.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked on this date.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022**

**Corrected on 9/6/2022**

**Correction of citation in that there were no hazards accessible to children in care.**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that playground equipment provides an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust, chipped paint and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Consultant discussed with the director to monitor and replace the "S" hooks and "O" hooks which connect to the bucket seats on Playground PA 1 infant to two-year-olds and the swing sets on Playground PA 1 three-year-old to 12 year-old.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure climbing and swinging equipment has resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. The director reported that additional mulch has been ordered and would arrive and be distributed by September 20, 2022.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the playgrounds are kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure vines and tree limbs are trimmed and do not protrude through the fence on Playground PA 1, three to 13 year-old playground.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2022**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(2) requires the Center to have a designated space for food preparation separate from rooms used by children and in an area not used for diaper changing. The area shall be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Food preparation surface areas shall be nonporous with no unsealed cracks or seams. It was determined based on observation cups of milk were observed on the diaper changing table as a part of food preparation in Room A3, two-year-old classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that a separate food preparation area is provided that meets the requirements. If needed, the area will be cleaned and cracks and seams will be sealed.

**Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022**

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed the following with a staff member in the one-year-old classroom: children must wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2022**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in LF007 and LF008 were completed on November 12, 2021.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed from August 22, 2022 through September 2, 2022.

**Comment**

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

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with infant staff members and director on this date.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 33**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 06/20/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2022

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2019

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2021

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 04/13/2021

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 06/20/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2019

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2008

Staff # 19

Met

**Records Reviewed: 33****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/29/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 03/09/2022

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 04/20/2022

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 06/20/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2022

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 06/13/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 02/21/2022

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 12/28/2021

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2018

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 29

Met

Staff # 30

Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2022

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2022

Staff # 33

Met

Date of Hire: 04/04/2022

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/26/2022**

**Corrected on 9/6/2022**

**Correction of citation in that two employees identified completed the 10 hour health and safety training as required. One employee was no longer employed.**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.