



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

**Date:** 8/16/2022    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-56910**

**Big Blue Marble Academy #48**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/16/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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.

**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 Building	A - 1st Left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	B - 2nd Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	C - 3rd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	D - 4th Left		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	E - 5th Left		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	F - 4th Right		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Main Building	G - 3rd Right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main Building	I - 1st Right		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground A	10	C
Main Building	Playground B	43	C
Main Building	Playground C	73	C

**Comments**

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on August 16, 2022. The exit conference was conducted on August 23, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. with the Director. Permission to Operate was issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

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.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!**

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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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June Boardman, Program Official

Date

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Date



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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant observed a barrier between the play area and the sleeping area in classroom B that was not secured. Please ensure that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Director ensuring that all parent authorizations/agreements are obtained and completed.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Permission to operate was granted on this date. The overall capacity is 165 children.

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

Consultant observed cobwebs and dust in the classrooms and in the children's bathrooms. Please ensure that the center is kept clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant observed Windex and Sta-Flow under an unlocked cabinet in one of the classrooms.

**Technical Assistance**

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

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

Consultant observed multiple mushrooms on the playground. Consultant also observed a drain cover that was not properly placed over a drain. Consultant discussed with the Director ensuring that all exposed roots are covered or painted, and ensuring that areas with exposed soil are covered to minimize excessive mud on the playground. The center will remove/fix hazards on the playground and will routinely monitor the playground for hazards.

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant observed a menu that listed carrots and dipping sauce. Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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

Kitchen appears well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Transportation vehicle was not on site on this date. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the Director.

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**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.

**Comment**

Twenty-one (21) of twenty-one (21) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2021 and 2022.

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2022

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

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2022

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

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2022

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

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Comment**

Three (3) of three (3) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

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

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

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Director on this date.