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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 3/22/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 10:30 AM

**CCLC-46662**

**Blue Ridge Preschool & Daycare**

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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.
03/22/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/15/2022	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
07/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-2L - Early 4	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-3L-Afterschool		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3	GA PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds	20	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art, Centers
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295				
Total # Children this Date: 181			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C

Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two-Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One-Year-Old	19	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on with the this date with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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!**

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.'





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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 10**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers	
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	

Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 8	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 9	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers	
Child # 10	Met

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined, based on review of records, that four of ten children's files reviewed were lacking the complete addresses for release persons on this date. It was further determined that two of ten children's files reviewed were lacking the phone number for the child's primary physician and one of ten children's files reviewed was lacking the work address for one parent. It was further determined that two of ten children's files reviewed were lacking the name and/or phone number for the child's emergency contact.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022**

	<b>Facility</b>
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**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that five of seventeen infant feeding plans reviewed were lacking instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given, the schedule for feeding solid foods, and notation of any type(s) of food allergies the child may have. It was further determined that one feeding plan was lacking the child's date of birth and one form was lacking required information, as it was not on the updated infant feeding plan form.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022**

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**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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**Safety**

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined, based on review of records, that seven vehicle emergency medical information records were lacking the phone number for the child's primary physician and one was lacking the information for the child's emergency contact.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 4/6/2022**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 40****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2022

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

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2022

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

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2022

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

Staff # 5

Met

**Records Reviewed: 40****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Date of Hire: 03/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/21/2002	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/18/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2012	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/22/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 12/03/2009	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 04/21/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2003	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 02/23/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	
Staff # 19	Met

**Records Reviewed: 40****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 01/26/2022

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

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2020

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2006

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2021

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2021

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2019

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2013

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2018

Staff # 30

Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/1995

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2022

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

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2000

Staff # 33

Met

Date of Hire: 06/24/2021

Staff # 34

Met

**Records Reviewed: 40****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

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

Staff # 35

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2020

Staff # 36

Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2022

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

Staff # 37

Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2020

Staff # 38

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 39

Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2021

Staff # 40

Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2004

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19****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**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022**

**Corrected on 3/22/2022**

**.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all staff were observed providing direct supervision and watchful oversight on this date.**