



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/23/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-48205

The Growing Patch

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/23/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/20/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/13/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	A (left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Diapering, Outside, Nap, Snack
Main	A (right)	Infants	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play, Nap, Diapering, Transitioning
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	20	C	Snack, Transitioning, Nap, Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 44				
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 44				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	37	C
Main	B	17	C

Comments

This Monitoring Visit is the second regulatory visit for The Growing Patch this 2018 - 2019 fiscal year.

The consultant reviewed all staff files and finds that each staff member has a satisfactory comprehensive fingerprint criminal records clearance determination letter on file.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/23/2019

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/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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Connie Peace, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

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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 **Met**

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

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

Comment

The consultant observed toys and equipment to be clean and in good repair.

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

The consultant observed all children present to be signed in the arrival and departure form.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

Facility

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

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on the consultant's observation and measurements that the last four chain link fence panels located along the right side of the playground measures three foot and eight inches where policy requires fencing to be at least four foot.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center director will ensure that all fencing measures at least four foot around the outside walls of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2019

Recited on 4/23/2019

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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)**Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The center director stated no medication is administered.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2018

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided [] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2018

Corrected on 4/23/2019

.33(1) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2018

Corrected on 4/23/2019

.33(3) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2018

Corrected on 4/23/2019

.33(4) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected.

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.