



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

**Date:** 6/2/2021    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 3:30 PM    **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-48638**

**Excel Early Childhood Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.  <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.
06/02/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/29/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/01/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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/ 1L		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	C/ 3L		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	D/BL- Inside Gym	Two Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	0	NC	NA	NA	
Main	F/3R		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	G/2R-3 to 6 years old		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	H/1R- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 91			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 8			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 91							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A/Left- 6wks - 2 years	41	C
Main	Playground B/ Back- 3 and up	113	C
Main	Playground C/Right - 1's and 2's	122	C

**Comments**

A virtual Plan of Improvement Follow up Visit was conducted on June 2, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requirements for approved Plan of Improvements and Professional Learning Plans were discussed with the provider on this date.

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/Regulations.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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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](mailto: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)

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Shireen Ali, Program Official

Date

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Mandi Sloan, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/12/2021**

**Corrected on 6/2/2021**

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as children's records were observed to be complete.

### Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021**

**Corrected on 6/2/2021**

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was corrected on this date as infant cribs were observed to have tight-fitting sheets on each of the infant cribs in the infant classroom, 1L.

### Staff Records

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591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/22/2020

Corrected on 6/2/2021

.33(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as annual training was observed to be complete. Further, staff person # 1 was observed to have completed the required ten hours of annual training for the year 2020.

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591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Corrected on 6/2/2021

.31(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as no outside visitors were observed to be present on the premises on this date. Further, the program was observed to be in compliance with the Executive Order.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Corrected on 6/2/2021

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as an appropriate professional learning plan was observed for staff person # 5 and staff person # 6 who were stated to be lead teachers.

Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Corrected on 6/2/2021

.32(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as written parental permission was observed to be complete for children under three years of age who were not housed in separate physical areas from children under than three years age.