



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/23/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:45 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-1074**

**Samuel L. Jones Child Care Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/23/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/21/2019	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 PRE-K II R PREK 1 LF 3-4 LB	Three Year Olds and PreK	5	11	C	79	C	NA	NA	Music, Story
Main	B UP BACK RIGHT		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C- UP LEFT	One Year Olds	1	1	C	11	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	INFANT	26	C
Main	PGR	161	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 23, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/23/2020

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

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

Brenda Pellot-Rosa, Program Official

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it was discussed that center did not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

Defer

#### Defer

591-1-1-.08(1)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

#### 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: 1/14/2020**

### Facility

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it was observed that the center was in compliance with the licensed capacity . Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The Playground not observed on this date due to technical issues. The maintenance of resilient surface was discussed in addition to cleaning and disinfecting practices between each group of children..

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

591-1-1-.10 -- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper diapering procedure were discussed with the Director on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of the rules.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding handwashing were discussed with the Director on this date and staff stated proper knowledge of the rules.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was discussed during the virtual walk through that the center currently did not dispense/administer medication.

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<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.21(3)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2020**

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk it was discussed that the center did not currently provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/26/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2012	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/14/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2004	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2014	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2020	

**Records Reviewed: 15**

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

Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/12/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/04/2008	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 11/11/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/01/2014	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director supplied a completed staff profile for review prior to the virtual walk through. Staff criminal records check information was verified in Koala Outback. There were two new employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed two maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision observed on this date.