

## Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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#### **Cover Sheet**

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Date:** 11/15/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Departure: 12:15 PM

CCLC-39637 **Regional Consultant** 

## Strong Rock Christian School Early Learning Center

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**Quality Rated: No** 

				<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			
	11/15/2021	Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.			
	03/16/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.			
	10/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Support - 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.	J		

#### 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	Infants	2	6	С	12	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B - 2L	One Year Olds	2	6	С	15	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- 3L	Two Year Olds	2	8	С	19	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- 4L	Two Year Olds	2	12	С	19	С	NA	NA	Story
Main	E- 5L	Two Year Olds	2	11	С	19	С	NA	NA	Story
Main	F- Middle	Three Year Olds	2	10	С	19	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G- 6R	Three Year Olds	2	10	С	20	С	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H- 5R	Four Year Olds	2	12	С	20	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I - 4R	Four Year Olds	2	12	С	20	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J- 3R	One Year Olds	3	11	С	20	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	K - 2R	One Year Olds	2	8	С	17	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	L - 1R	Infants	2	5	С	15	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215				Total C	apacity @	25 sq.		·	

Total # Children this Date: 111 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	32	С
Main	B- Right Back	40	С
Main	C- Middle	35	С
Main	D- Back Left	38	С

Main E- Left 21 С

#### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 15, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on Novembe 17, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/15/2021

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.decal.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 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://gualityrated.decal.ga.gov/ Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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@decal.ga.gov.

- 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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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Revision #1 Revision Date: 11/17/2021 12:07:13 PM

Sandy Waddell, Program Official	Date	April Brown, Consultant	Date		



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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **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

### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Facility** 

## 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Food Service** 

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is completed as required. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2021

## 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Health and Hygiene** 

## 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

### Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discussed medication documentation and procedures with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Policies and Procedures**

### 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

#### Comment

Program observed to have completed emergency drills for 2021 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

#### Comment

Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for field trips conducted on July 27, 2021 and July 29, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure all areas of the annual vehicle safety inspection certification form is filled out completely which is required to be completed annually by a trained individual, which should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. A current and completed inspection was observed for a vehicle used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending B8651 was completed on July 16, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2021

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 10/25/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/08/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/03/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/21/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/30/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

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Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 12/02/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/01/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/04/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/23/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 06/03/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 01/09/2020	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 03/17/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 02/21/2020	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 09/29/2018	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/11/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 04/05/2021	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 09/30/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90  calendar days of hired
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 10/01/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 24	Met

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Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Date of Hire: 11/17/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2019	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 02/17/2017	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2020	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2021	
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2016	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/2021	
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 34	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 35	Met
Date of Hire: 04/22/2019	
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2007	

# 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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Director provided 16 file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on March 16, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined the Director did not have current First Aid and CPR training as required. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2021

### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Comment

Nutrition training was completed by the director on October 12, 2020 and the cook on July 26, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2021

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

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Staffing and Supervision** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.