



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/14/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-33044**

**Little Miracles 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.  <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.
01/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/15/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/23/2019	Licensing Study	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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Free Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap,Floor Play,Feeding,Diapering
Main	C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,TV
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Music
Main	Room E		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	50	C

**Comments**

This Licensing Study is the second regulatory visit for Little Miracles Daycare this 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. The center director stated no medication has been administered since the consultant's last visit, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. One new staff had been hired since the consultant's last visit. The consultant observed all staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive fingerprint criminal records clearance determination letter on file.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/14/2020

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/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.

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#### 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.

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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)

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Sandra Beasley, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020**

**Comment**

The consultant observed current lesson plans to be posted in all classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/15/2019**

**Corrected on 1/14/2020**

**.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 9**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Met

Child # 6 Met

Child # 7 Met

Child # 8 Met

Child # 9 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**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 observation and review of random child files that two of nine child files was missing the fathers work address. Additionally, one of nine child files was missing the allergic to information.

**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: 1/24/2020**

## Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on observation, review of the sign in and sign out sheet and a child head count that thirty-two children was signed in and thirty-three children was present.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2020**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

#### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019**

**Corrected on 1/14/2020**

**.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center replaced the freyed duck tape on all swings and removed the red choo choo train from the playground area.**

#### Comment

The consultant measured appropriate required amounts of resilient surface within all fall zones.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2020**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Not Met**

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

#### Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

**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://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

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

**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 observation, review of a child's file and staff statement that a two-month old infant did not have a signed written feeding plan on file as required.

**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: 1/15/2020**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a four oz. bottle of cherry Children's Tylenol was stored in a child's back pack and accessible to the children in the two-year-old classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020

## Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Met

**Comment**

The center is operating on a valid 2020 license with Bright From The Start.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020

## Policies and Procedures

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

Met

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Met

**Comment**

The consultant observed the parental access notice to be posted on the parent bulletin board.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2020

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

## 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.

**Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2019



Corrected on 1/14/2020

.30(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2007	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/27/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2007	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

**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-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Correction Deadline: 7/15/2019**

Corrected on 1/14/2020

.32(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.