



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/23/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:50 AM    **Departure:** 12:10 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.
01/23/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/27/2018	Complaint Closure	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	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Free Play, Nap
Main	B	Infants	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Lunch, Nap
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	TV, Nap, Lunch, Outside
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Centers, Circle Time, Nap
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: 35			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 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.

The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

The center director stated they completed their Quality Rated observation last week and waiting on a star rating.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/23/2019

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/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.

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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 current lesson plans to be posted in all classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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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.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26(4) - The center director will ensure that the freyed duck taps located on the three swings is removed, repaired or replaced.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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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.

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

**Comment**

The center director stated no medication is administered.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

The consultant observed a thoroughly documented fire and tornado drill on file.

**Correction Deadline: 1/28/2019**

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**591-1-1-.22 Parental Access** **Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a parental access notice to be posted.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that cots are being stored in the three-year-old classroom and was not covered. Additionally, mats are being stored in the three-year-old classroom and the sheets of one child's cot was touching the sheets of another child's cot.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 7**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/12/2012	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2016	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Correction Deadline: 4/6/2018**

**Corrected on 1/23/2019**

**.33(6) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on the consultant's observation and the lead teacher's statement that ten one-year-old children are present and being supervised by one staff member where child staff ratio is one staff member to eight one-year-old children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.