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Date: 7/15/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-33044

Little Miracles Daycare

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
07/15/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/23/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2018	Monitoring Visit	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	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time, Music
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	NC	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Room E	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Art, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	50	C

Comments

This Monitoring Visit is the first regulatory visit for Little Miracles Daycare this 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. The center currently has a one star Quality Rating. The cook stated that the center currently does not administer medication, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

Note: The center director will ensure that when changing out the resilient surface she will eliminate the tree bark and replace with sand, rubber mulch, or shaved mulch.

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.

- 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)



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

Sandra Beasley, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. The Consultant observed the following hazards:
-The building blocks in room C are frayed and the sides are separating.
-The corner edge of the railroad carpet in room A had exposed frayed edges.
-The back wall of the diapering table in room D, was pushed in from the top.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment is made inaccessible to children until they are either replaced or repaired.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2019

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the following hazards were observed:

-On the right side of the playground, there was freyed duck tape located on three of the swings.

-On the left side of the playground, the red choo choo train is missing 8 out of 20 bolts. The opening to the tunnel, at the back of the train, has a bolt that is hanging 0.5 cm from the top.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The Center will remove, replace, or repair the freyed duck tape on the swings and ensure that all bolts are replaced and tightened on the red choo choo train.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication as of this date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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 the cots are stored with the sheets in room B (infants) and room E (school-age) in the closet. Additionally, there are three mats stacked on top of each other that are stored with cots under a sheet in room C (three and four-year-olds).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so that each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2019

Recited on 7/15/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

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: 06/05/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit. All staff, as of this date, have comprehensive criminal background checks.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations as of this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2019

Corrected on 7/15/2019

.32(1) - The consultant observed the proper ratios in each classroom as of this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on the consultant's observation and the review of records, that in room D, there were three two-year-olds mixed in with five three-year-olds without a parental agreement in the files of the two-year-olds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old or obtain parental agreement from the parent's of the two-year-olds.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2019

Comment

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds as of this date.