



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/15/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:55 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-46758**

**Mini 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.
06/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/24/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/01/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
			<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.

**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/1's and 2's	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- Middle - 3 and up	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 1R - 6wks to 18 months	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 18					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Left - 2 and up	72	C
Main	B- Right/6wks- 18 months	19	C

### Comments

Reminders: Refer to the published communicable disease chart for guidance regarding communicable diseases. In most scenarios, only outbreaks/clusters should be reported to the local health districts.

Please be sure to contact the Elbert County Department of Health, if there are outbreaks/clusters of positive COVID-19 cases immediately, and get their guidance. Please be sure to also complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for all individual cases of communicable diseases within 24 hours. Be sure to select "Notifiable Communicable Diseases" to report closures for COVID cases.

You must be sure to enter all temporary closures (vacation, emergencies, holidays etc...) in DECAL KOALA at all times under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily because you are not caring for children for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

All amendments are required to be electronically entered in DECAL KOALA effective August 2, 2021.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.

Please ensure that director and staff responsible for food preparation completes the four (4) hours of nutrition training as soon as possible but within the first year of employment.

Provided updated orientation checklist.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/15/2023

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.decga.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

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Erica Brown, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline:** 2/15/2022

**Corrected on 6/15/2023**

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the crib had been repainted. Discussed regarding ensuring to keep an eye on it in case it happens again, so that the crib can be repainted.

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

**Met**

**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.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline:** 2/15/2022

**Corrected on 6/15/2023**

.25(12) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the heater was not present. The consultant discussed ensuring that these items are not accessible to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline:** 3/1/2022

**Corrected on 6/15/2023**

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the walls were observed to be painted. Please ensure that the walls are chip free and repairs are made so that it is not accessible to the children.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence was observed to not meet the required four feet in the following sections:

-A left playground Left side: The first, fifth and sixth section measured at three feet, eight inches. The second and seventh section measured at three feet, 10 inches. The third and fourth section measured at three feet, nine inches. The eighth section measured at three feet, eight inches.

-A left playground Back side: The first through tenth section measured at three feet ten inches. The eleventh section measured at three feet, nine inches.

-A left playground Right side: The first and second section measured at three feet, ten inches and the third and fourth measured at three feet, nine inches.

-B Right playground Right side: The first section measured at three feet, ten inches. The second, third and fourth section measured at three, nine inches.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. Will use lattice to meet the four feet height.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023**

**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 observation that on the A left playground two blue chairs were observed to be cracked and one red and pink car was observed to be cracked and have a sharp edge and were accessible. Also, on the B Right playground, a pink playhouse was observed to be broken down and a table was observed on it's side near the AC unit fence and was accessible.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The director stated that she will remove the items today.

**Correction Deadline: 6/25/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please remember to remove weeds when they begin to come through the mulch.

**Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023**

**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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## 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

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - Please ensure that sheets and covers are given to children at each naptime every day.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #5 , hire date 3/15/2022 didn't have evidence of completing the required hands on CPR training within the first 90- days of hire. Staff has completed the training online.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2023

Recited on 6/15/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022

Corrected on 6/15/2023

.31(1)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the provider has a 40 hour director training which was completed on October 2, 2020. Please be sure to maintain a copy of the training records at all times.

## Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022**

**Corrected on 6/15/2023**

**.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that it hasn't happened again. The director stated that they reiterate to the children hands to themselves, ensure that staff supervise the children at all times. Discussed regarding having staff complete supervision training.**

**Discussed 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.**