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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/16/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:15 PM

Departure: 2:10 PM

CCLC-54735

R&L Mini Miracles Childcare Learning Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
06/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/04/2021	Initial 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 (2L) - 6wks-12mths	Infants and Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	4	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B (1L) - 1's and 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C (1R) 3-12 yrs	Infants and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	NC	12	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			27		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- 6wks - 12 yrs	25	C

Comments

On this date, the consultants followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Licensing Study. Consultant requested the provider submit required documents for the Administrative Review process. An Administrative Review was conducted on June 24, 2022. Staff files, transportation files, field trip files, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of the licensing study/monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on June 28, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/12/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA 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.'

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)

Tara Dixon, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date

Carrie Spangler, Consultant

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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(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined, based on observation, that the white cubbies in Room C (1R) were observed to be not anchored and could easily be tipped over on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that upon consultants' arrival, 16 children were observed present and napping in Room C (1R), which was licensed for 12 on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined, based on observation, that the tile flooring in Room B (1L) was observed not flat and smooth surrounding the sink. It was further determined that tears were observed present in the carpet throughout the center.

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Correction Deadline: 7/16/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

- Room B (1L) – A staff purse, two plastic bags, a broom, and a vacuum were observed accessible in an unsecured closet. Two staplers were observed accessible in the top drawer of the plastic storage drawers. A broom and dust pan were observed accessible to children in the classroom. Diaper wipes were observed accessible to children under the diaper changing table on this date.
 - Room C (1R) – A staff purse and plastic bag were observed accessible to children on a low shelf. A trash bag was observed hanging in the classroom and accessible to children. A broom and dust pan were observed accessible to the children in the classroom.
 - Unsecured Hall Closet – A vacuum, Swifer wet jet, broom, plastic bags, and hot water heater were observed accessible.
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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined, based on observation, that vines were observed to be growing through the fence surrounding the playground on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined, based on observation, that an unsecured rail was observed in the back bathroom to the left of the left toilet on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(19) prohibits the use of unapproved areas for children's activity. It was determined, based on observation, that three school-aged children were observed present reading books without adult supervision in the hallway, which was not an approved licensed space on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure broken or cracked toys were removed from the playground, as a tricycle was observed to be missing both handle bars and a horse rider seat was observed to be cracked on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/26/2022

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Correction Deadline: 10/4/2021

Corrected on 6/16/2022

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that there were no gaps observed between the steps on the stairs and at the base of the railing on the stairs on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that the concrete at the bottom of the second set of stairs was observed to not be even with the ground and have exposed sharp edges on this date. It was further determined that exposed tree roots were observed present which could pose as a tripping hazard. It was further determined that exposed nails were observed present above the handrail on the first set of stairs on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2021

Corrected on 6/16/2022

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the ventilation fans were observed functioning throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

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Finding

591-1-1-.13(2) requires Center Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center did not obtain written permission with a parent's signature for one child who participated in the field trip on June 15, 2022, to the Family Y.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the white GMC van used for routine transportation and for transportation to and from field trips did not have a fire extinguisher, as required.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined, based on observation and review of records, that eight children were transported to a field trip on June 15, 2022, to the Family Y in the white GMC van which had seat belts for six children.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined, based on review of records, that the transportation checklist did not contain the delivery location or pick-up location for routine transportation conducted the week of May 23, 2022.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined, based on review of records, that there was no documentation for loading or unloading of a child for routine transportation conducted during the week of May 23, 2022. It was further determined that there was no documentation of children unloading the vehicle or loading the vehicle at the Family Y during a field trip on June 15, 2022.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined, based on review of records, that the arrival and departure times were not documented when the children arrived and departed the Family Y during a field trip on June 15, 2022.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined, based on review of records, that the center failed to document the first check of the vehicle upon return to the center from The Family Y during a field trip on June 15, 2022.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined, based on review of records, that the center failed to document the second check of the vehicle upon return to the center from The Family Y during a field trip on June 15, 2022.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two (2) years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined, based on observation, that one school-aged child was observed sleeping on the floor without a mat in Room C (1R) on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined, based on observation, that four children were observed sleeping on a mat without a sheet in Room C (1R), when it was required for mats to have sheets or similar coverings on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that a light cover was available for each child's use on a cot or mat, as one child was observed in Room C (1R) without a blanket on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined, based on observation, that there was not a minimum of twelve inches between each mat and twenty-four inches between each row of mats in Room C (1R) on this date. It was further determined that children were not placed so that one child's head was toward another child's feet in the same row in Room B (1L) on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1	Not Met
Date of Hire: 06/16/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/09/2022	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 03/25/2022

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2021

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2022

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2021

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2022

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 03/18/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined []

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Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined []

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Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined, based on observation, that a first aid kit was not observed present in the white GMC van used for routine transportation and for transportation to and from field trips on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 6/26/2022

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(11) requires the Center to have qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children. It was determined, based on observation, that upon the consultants' arrival two staff were observed present at the facility providing direct care responsibilities to three operating classrooms on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined, based on observation, that upon consultants' arrival, one staff was observed providing supervision to one infant, one two-year-old child, five three-year-old children, six four-year-old children, and three five-year-old children when two staff were required.

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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 observation, that upon consultants' arrival, one infant and one two-year-old children were housed with older children in Room C (1R), when it was required for the children under three-years-old be housed in a separate physical area from older children. . It was further determined that two infants were housed with a school-aged child in Room A (2L).

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591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. 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. It was determined, based on observation, that upon consultants' arrival, three children were observed alone without adult supervision in Room A (2L) and two children were observed walking to and from the bathroom from Rooms A (2L) and B (1L) without adult supervision. It was further determined that 16 children were left unsupervised in Room C (1R) when the staff person walked out of the room for approximately two minutes. It was further determined that three school-aged children were observed reading in the hallway without adult supervision.

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