



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/28/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-18411

Little Miracles Learning Center

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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.
09/28/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/11/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Bld.2	3's	GA PreK	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transiti oning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A-infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Free Play
Main	B Ones	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story
Main	D- 2's	One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	E		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	PreK	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld.2	Bld.2 PGD	101	C
Main	Back	50	C
Main	infant/toddler	26	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/28/2023

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.dec.al.ga.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.

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)



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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Amy Johns, Program Official	Date
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Ashley Richards, Regional Consultant	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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultants and Director discussed anchoring the smart board and securing the cords to the wall in Building 2.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

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.

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 upon observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Building 2

- An unlocked cabinet on the back right of the classroom contained:

- One bottle of Clorox
- One container of DAP Wallboard Joint Compound
- One container of Member's Mark Sanitizer
- One can of Infinity Paint and Primer

- The children's bathroom contained a bottle of liquid hand soap that read "Keep out of reach of children".

Main B

- A trash bag containing a small Christmas tree inside was located under the easel on the right hand wall of the classroom.
- A broom and dustpan were inside the children's bathroom on the right side of the toilet.
- A plastic grocery bag was stored in a small children's bin in the Art shelf.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**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 upon observation that the following fencing hazards were observed on this date:

Building 2 Playground

- Fencing on the back middle of the playground had a gap from the bottom of the fencing to the ground that measured five inches causing a potential entrapment hazard.
- Fencing on the back left of the playground had a hole that measured eight inches from the bottom of the fencing board to the ground causing a potential entrapment hazard.
- There was a loose board on the back left of the fencing that was not secured to the bottom of the fencing.

Infant/Toddler Playground

- The bottom left side of the fencing had overgrowth protruding through the fencing which was in reach of the children.

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.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based upon observation that the following equipment hazards were observed on this date:

Building 2 Playground

- The blue boat was missing the back left screw that anchored it to the ground. The back right screw was protruding causing the boat to not be secured to the ground.
- The red slide had a crack at the top of causing rough edges.

Back Playground

- The blue helicopter had two back screws missing which caused the equipment not to be securely anchored.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultants and Director discussed placing resilient surfacing around the bouncing equipment on the Back Playground.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2023

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 that the following hazards were observed on the playground on this date:

Building 2 Playground

- There were tree roots located on the back right and back middle of the playground causing potential tripping hazards.
- There was one mushroom located on the back middle of the playground and three mushrooms located to the left of the swings.
- The white shed on the front right side of the playground had a broken and unsecured door with storage accessible to children.

Back Playground

- There were tree roots located to the right of the tree on the back left side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.

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

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

