



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/29/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:10 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-46758

Mini 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.
04/29/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2023	TA Follow Up	NA	
08/30/2023	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- Middle - 3 and up	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- 1R - 6wks to 18 months	One Year Olds	1	2	C	5	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			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

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/29/2024

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 user id 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!



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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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.

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

Not Met

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 hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Children's Hallway Bathroom

- Soap that read "keep out of reach of children" was located on the sink.
- Trash bags that contained decorations were stored in the tub.

Classroom Main A – 1L/1's and 2's

- Soap that read "keep out of reach of children" was located on the sink next to the diaper changing table.
- A container of Sani Hands Instant Sanitizing Wipes was located under the diaper changing table.
- Green trash bags for diaper disposal were located under the diaper changing table.

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: 4/29/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the toilet bolts in the children's hallway bathroom are capped or cut down to two threads or less.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(21) - Please ensure that the full length glass door at the entry of the Center has decals applied at the eye level of the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023

Corrected on 4/29/2024

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the fencing surrounding the playgrounds measured over four feet on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2023

Corrected on 4/29/2024

.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that playground equipment was in good repair 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 following hazards were accessible on this date:

Playground Main A – Left – 2 and Up

- An active ant bed was located on the back left wooden barrier that surrounded the stationary equipment.
- An active ant bed was located on the front left of the playground near the entry/exit steps to classroom Main A – 1L/1's and 2's.
- Tree roots were protruding on the left middle side of the playground.
- A rusty hammer was hanging on the back right chain link fence.
- Stacked lattice and a wheel barrow were located on the back right 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: 5/3/2024

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.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.22 - The Consultant and the Assistant Director discussed the requirements of the Center to permit the custodial Parent(s) of the child access to all child care areas of the Center at any time the child is in attendance.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

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)

Technical Assistance

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - The Consultant and the Assistant Director discussed removing the crib that was out of compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM). The crib was not in use on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant and Assistant Director discussed the use of a large covering on cots while not in use in classroom Main A - 1L/1's and 2's on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Corrected on 4/29/2024

.14(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Director has an up to date and completed First Aid and CPR training as required by the Department.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(4) - The Consultant and the Assistant Director discussed the differences between CACFP Annual training and Food and Nutrition training for Staff #1 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 completed two out of ten hours of annual training for 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.