



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/24/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:10 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-65835**

**Little Miracles Loving Childcare**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                         |               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 09/24/2025                         | Monitoring Visit        | Good Standing |
| 04/28/2025                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |

**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.

**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 Building                 | Room A Right 6 weeks 2 year | Infants and Two Year Olds      | 2     | 3        | C                             | 26         | C            | NA                                      | NA           | Nap,Free Play   |
| Main Building                 | Room B Left 3 year and up   | Three Year Olds                | 1     | 1        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA                                      | NA           | Circle Time,Nap |
|                               |                             | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              | Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning |              |                 |
| Total # Children this Date: 4 |                             | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |                                         |              |                 |

| Building      | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main Building | Playground A | 15                   | C                     |
| Main Building | Playground B | 23                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 2                 | 2       | 2       | 2       | 1       | 2                  | 2                 |

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions. The program does not offer transportation, field trips, or dispense medication at this time.

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.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.

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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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



## Summary 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 in classroom B a tall doll house was located in the far left corner that was of a mass that could cause an injury from tipping over.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2025

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)

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) -requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Consultant and Staff discussed keeping personal items, including teacher bags, in a locked area inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on Playground B, the red fire truck and yellow bus did not have resilient surfacing extended into the 4 foot fall zone as required by the department. It was further determined that on Playground A the red car also did not have resilient surfacing extended into the 4 foot fall zone as required by the department.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025**

**Recited on 9/24/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

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. The Consultant and the Provider discussed using the playground checklist to ensure that the thorny weeds growing through the fence do not pose a potential hazard to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**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 on this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.