



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 3/14/2019    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:50 AM    **Departure:** 3:20 PM

**CCLC-46758**

**Mini Miracles Daycare**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 03/14/2019                         | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study | Good Standing |  |
| 03/14/2019                         | Complaint Closure                         | Good Standing |  |
| 11/27/2018                         | Complaint Closure                         | 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- 1L/1's and 2's         | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                | 1     | 11       | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast            |
| Main                           | B- Middle - 3 and up      | Infants and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1     | 5        | C    | 9                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast, Free Play |
| Main                           | C- 1R - 6wks to 18 months |  | 0     | 0        | C    | 5                             | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25 |                           |  |       |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 16 |                           |  |       |          |      | 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**

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/28/2019

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/Regulations.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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Date

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

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| <b>Activities and Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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| <b>Facility</b> |
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**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**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2018**

**Corrected on 3/14/2019**

**.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that there was a barrier observed to increase the fence height. Discussed with the provider to ensure that all areas of the fence is four feet around the perimeter.**

**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 there were four and a half inches of mulch under the monkey bars and swings where six inches were required.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2019**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing surface was torn.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/18/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The owner stated that no medication was dispensed since the last visit.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that there were no fire and tornado drills completed and the owner stated they had not been completed.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2019**

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/25/2018

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met  
 Date of Hire: 11/06/2018  
"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
 .14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 4 Met  
 Date of Hire: 02/20/2019

Staff # 5 Met  
 Date of Hire: 01/09/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Comment**  
 Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**  
 Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**

**Finding**  
 591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that less than 50% of the staff had evidence of CPR and First Aid.

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**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2019**

**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 two staff did not have evidence of their CPR and First Aid training on file.

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**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2019**

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that there was a ratio of 1:11 one and two-year-olds where a 2:11 ratio was needed in the A 1L classroom.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2019**

**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 three infants were housed with children three and older in Classroom B-Middle.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that the infants were unsupervised when the staff left out of the classroom briefly.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2019**