Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning



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## (Cover Sheet)

**Date:** 10/21/2021 VisitType: **EX-Monitoring** Arrival: 3:00PM

#### EX-42698 EXMT-12493 EX-1 - Government **Cobb County District ASP - Birney Elementary** School

775 Smyrna - Powder Springs Road, Marietta GA 30060 Cobb County (678) 842-6824 ORSON.DEEPNARAIN@cobbk12.org

#### Mailing Address

10/21/2021

P.O. Box 1088, GA 30061

Departure: 4:00PM

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
/2021	EX-Monitoring	Prevention	Prevention Level 1 (P1)	Intermediate Level 1 (I1)	Dismissal (D)
			Technical Assistance	Corrective Action Plan	Dismissal
				Office Conference	Disqualification
			Prevention Level 2 (P2)	Intermediate Level 2 (I2)	
			Citation	Fine (Level1 or 2)	
			Plan of Improvement		
			Prevention Level 3 (P3)	Intermediate Level 3 (I3)	

#### Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
C2		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria	, Sixes	1	12	Y	
D4		0	0	Y	
Media Center		0	0	Y	
Playground	, Sixes	3	20	Y	It started drizziling while children were in the playground.

Group Sizes Met? Y

Comments:

Program is located inside a public school and this CAPS Monitoring visit was completed virtually.

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date

#Children Count: 32



Please refer the website, http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

#Staff Count: 4

- 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

By signing this report I acknowledge that the report was discussed with me and if there are any missing requirements I am responsible for submitting them as outlined to Maximus or the CAPS program.

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@decal.ga.gov.

- 1. Facility name, program 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 standard(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the citation
- 4. Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date of the visit to the facility.
- 5. Your refutation will be forwarded to the CCS Exemptions Unit manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 770-293-5977.

Any violation which subjects a child to injury or life threatening situation or continued non-compliance may jeopardize participation in the CAPS program for eligible license-exempt program (government-owned facilities and day camps).

Director/Person-in-charge Signature

Printed Name	Date

Specialist Signature	Date

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## (Summary Report)

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The following information is associated with a Exem	ption Monitoring: Activities and Equipment
The following information is associated with a Exem EX-HSF Equipment & Toys (CS)	
	Activities and Equipment Met
EX-HSF Equipment & Toys (CS) Comment	Activities and Equipment Met
EX-HSF Equipment & Toys (CS) Comment Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured	Activities and Equipment Met
EX-HSF Equipment & Toys (CS) Comment Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured EX-HSQ Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities Comment	Activities and Equipment Met

## **EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements (NCP)**

## Finding

EX-HS-.X(2) requires when a parent or guardian initially registers a child with an exempt program, the parent or guardian shall sign a form indicating the parent or guardian has been advised and understands that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state. It was determined based on review of records that the program did not have a signed parent acknowledgement form on children's file indicating the parent or guardian have been advised that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Program will maintain a file for each child while child is in care and ensure that the enrollment or registration forms are completely fill will all required information.

## Correction Deadline: 10/21/2021

## Finding

EX-HS-X(4) requires the program to comply with local, regional, and state health department, fire marshal, fire prevention, and building/zoning guidelines. It was determined based on review of records that the program did have a fire marshal inspection in the last twelfth months.

## **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The program will have an annual fire inspection completed by the The Fire Marshal.

## Correction Deadline: 10/21/2021

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#### EX-HS-.L Physical Plant (NCP)

#### Comment

Program appears clean and well maintained.

### EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)

#### Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

## EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices (CS)

#### Comment

No diapered children are enrolled.

#### EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)

#### Comment

Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

#### **EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)**

#### Comment

Medication is not dispensed

## **EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures (NCP)**

#### Finding

EX-HS-J(1)(a-i) requires the Program to establish and implement written policies and procedures that describe the Program's operations as follows: (a) the exclusion of children with contagious illness; (b) notification of parents in the event their child becomes ill while at the facility; (c) the notification of all parents of enrolled children when a reportable contagious illness is present in the facility: (d) the prevention of and response to food and allergic reactions; (e) emergency preparedness and response. A written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the program. The program will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and will include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. Such plan shall include assurance that no Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals; (f) the handling and appropriate disposal of bodily fluids and storage of hazardous materials (soiled clothing and bedding); (g) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; (h) fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Program shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years; (i) provide to Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures. It was determined based on review of documentation that the program had incomplete policies and procedures in evidence that letters a, b, c, d, f, and g were not met.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will establish and implement policies and procedures that will include components in in letters a, b, c, d, f, and g.

#### Correction Deadline: 10/26/2021

## EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)

## Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

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Met

**Health and Hygiene** 

**Policies and Procedures** 

N/A

Met

Met

Not Met

N/A

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## EX-HS-.S

### Comment

No field trips are offered

# EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)

## Comment

Observed age-appropriate discipline policies on this date.

## **EX-HS-.R** Transportation (CS)

## Comment

Program does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
EX-HSV Safe Sleeping and Resting Require	ements (CS) N/A
<b>Comment</b> No infants are enrolled.	
	Staff Records
Records Reviewed: 11	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 11
Staff # 1	Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
EX-HSD-Criminal Records Check Missi	ing,EX-HSP(3)-Health and Safety Training
Staff # 2	Not Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2016	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours	
Staff # 3	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2018	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2019	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours	
Staff # 5	Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
EX-HSD-Criminal Records Check Missi	ng,EX-HSP(3)-Health and Safety Training
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2006	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours	

N/A

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Staff # 7	Not Met		
Date of Hire: 06/02/2016			
"Missing/Incomplete Components"			
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours			
Staff # 8	Not Met		
"Missing/Incomplete Components"			
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours			
Staff # 9	Not Met		
"Missing/Incomplete Components"			
EX-HSP(3)-Health and Safety Training,EX-H	SD-Criminal Records Check Missing		
Staff # 10	Not Met		
Date of Hire: 09/01/2021	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired		
"Missing/Incomplete Components"			
EX-HSD-Criminal Records Check Missing,E>	(-HSP(3)-Health and Safety Training		
Staff # 11	Not Met		
Date of Hire: 07/01/2014			
"Missing/Incomplete Components"			
EX-HSP(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours			

## EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks (CS)

## Finding

EX-HS-.D(1) requires every staff member with direct care responsibilities must have a Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the program while any child is present for care. It was determined based on review of records that four out of ten staff members did not have a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination on file.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Program will ensure that staff members initiate the process of obtaining a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination.

## Correction Deadline: 10/21/2021

## EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP)

## Finding

EX-HS-.W(1) requires Program 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 Program 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 review of documentation that three out of 11 staff members did not have CPR training and on file and one out of 11 did not have CPR on file.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Program will have all staff members complete First Aid and CPR training and maintain evidence on file.

## Correction Deadline: 11/20/2021

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)

Not Met

Not Met

Not Met

## Finding

EX-HS-.P(4) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review of records that ten out of 11 staff members did not have 10 hours of ongoing training.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that all staff members complete 10 hour of ongoing training annually.

## Correction Deadline: 11/20/2021

# Staffing and Supervision

Met

### EX-HS-.O Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision (CS)

## Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.