

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 2/3/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 4:35PM **Departure:** 5:50PM**EX-42739 EXMT-12609 EX-1 - Government
Cobb County District ASP - Riverside Primary
Elementary School**461 South Gordon Road, Mableton GA 30126 Cobb
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Joint with:

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<u>Prevention Action Category</u>	<u>Intermediate Action Category</u>	<u>Dismissal Action Category</u>
2/3/2026	EX-CAPS-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 (Level 1 or 2)	
			Plan of Improvement		
			Prevention Level 3 (P3)	Intermediate Level 3 (I3)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Cafeteria		0	0	Y	
Gym	, Fives, Six and older	2	14	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	
Room 108		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 14

Comments:

The program was operating as approved by the exemption.

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding 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

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 standard number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the standard 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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The following information is associated with a EX-CAPS-Monitoring:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.F - The equipment and furniture observed to be properly used, secured and did not pose a hazard.

EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.Q - The Program does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.C - Observed children's files as required.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.X(2) requires when a parent or legal guardian initially registers a child with an exempt program, the parent or guardian shall sign a form indicating that 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 a review of records that three of three children's enrollment were missing the statement indicating that parents have been informed and understand that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will obtain and maintain written documentation that the parent or guardian understands that the Program is not licensed and it not required to be licensed by the state.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026**Facility****EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.B(5) - Please make sure bathrooms are cleaned daily before or during program hours.

Finding

EX-HS-.L(2) requires the Program to be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy if required prior to receiving any children for care. It was determined based on review of records that the program did not submit a fire inspection report for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will obtain appropriate approvals, and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations by the state fire marshal, proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy, are maintained and met.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.M - Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene**EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)**

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures**EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.J(2) - Please make sure to add the number children present during emergency drills.

Safety**EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.E - Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.S - No field trips are conducted at the program.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.R - No transportation provided.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)**

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled in the program.

Staff Records

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.D - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS.G(1)(a-b) requires (a) all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the program's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours; (b) The 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. It was determined based on review of records that three out of three staff did not have CPR and First Aid training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure all Staff that provide direct care to children obtain pediatric CPR and first aid training within the first 45 days of employment. The training shall be maintained on the Program's premises and must be completed by a certified or licensed health care professional or trainer that deal with the provisions of emergency care to infants and children. develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and pediatric CPR training present, and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and pediatric CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) - Please make sure to maintain a complete personnel file that includes staff identify information.

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.N - Observed a director or person responsible for overall supervision of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS.P(1) requires prior to assignment to children or task, all Employees (i.e., volunteers, students-in-training, independent contractors, etc.) and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation. It was determined based on review of records that one out of three employees did not complete the initial program orientation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

Staffing and Supervision

EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.O - Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.