

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 3/9/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up**Arrival:** 1:30PM**Departure:** 2:05PM**EX-40160 EXMT-9800 EX-7 - Day camp**
Augusta South Family YMCA2215 Tobacco Road, Augusta GA 30906 Richmond
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
3/9/2026	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	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
1-Board Room		0	0	Y	
2-Clubhouse		0	0	Y	
3-Studio A		0	0	Y	
4-Play and Learn		0	0	Y	
5-Studio B		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 0

#Children Count: 0

Comments:

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 FollowUp:**Staff Records****EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)****Met****Corrected on 3/9/2026****EX-HS-.D(1) - The provider ported the criminal background check for the staff member cited at previous visit.****EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)****Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS.G(2)(a-d), requires (a) when any child is present on the premises, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver staff present shall be trained in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. (b) There must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. (c) During any field trip or transportation of children, there must always be a staff member present who has current evidence of the successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. (d) the Program Director must have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid at all times. It was determined based on the review of all four staff records that one staff member did not have current CPR and First Aid certification and have been employed for more than 45 days.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that at least (50%) of staff are trained in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. The Program will ensure that during any field trip or transportation of children, there must always be a staff member who is present with current evidence of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. The staff member is scheduled for CPR/First Aid training on March 20, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026**Recited on 3/9/2026****EX-HS-.K Personnel Records****Met****Corrected on 3/9/2026****EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) - The provider has established a staff record for the previously cited staff member with required information.****EX-HS-.P Staff Training****Met****Corrected on 3/9/2026****EX-HS-.P(2)(a-l) - The provider had documentation of orientation for both staff members that were previously cited.**