

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 12/16/2024**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:00PM**Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-48561 EXMT-13983 EX-1 - Government
Columbus Parks & Recreation @ Midland
Academy After-School Program**

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
12/16/2024	EX-Monitoring	NA	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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Cafeteria	PreK, Six and older	3	21	N	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Room 507		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? N

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 21

Comments:

On December 16, 2024, an (in-person) visit was conducted at the facility for the purpose of the CAPS Health and Safety Monitoring with Ms. Regina Banks, Midland Supervisor. It was determined through the observation of records and through discussion, the Program is operating as approved.

Corrective Action Plan: No Plan Developed



Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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

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 the GACAPS 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@dec.al.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).

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The following information is associated with a Exemption Monitoring:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A(1) - The Provider does provide a daily prescribed program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities such as STEM, homework assistance, arts & crafts, indoor and outdoor recreational playtime that promote the social, emotional, creative, physical, cognitive, language and literacy development of each child.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys (CS)**Met****Comment**

The equipment and furniture were observed to be properly secured, as applicable. The tables and chairs are wiped down and sanitized on a daily basis.

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

The Program does not provide swimming activities.

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

EX-HS-.C(1) - The Provider does maintain a file for each child while such child is in care at the program. The file does contain the following: identifying information about the child to include: name, date of birth, sex, address, and names of both Parents, if applicable, cell phone and emergency contact information as well as the person(s) to whom the child may be released. The file also contains a signature from each Parent advising they are aware the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements (NCP)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.X(1) - Technical Assistance was provided regarding the posting of the exemption approval letter to be placed adjacent to the exemption certificate in a prominent area.

Comment

EX-HS-.X(4) - A program must be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal, or state inspector. It was determined by the examination of records, the Program had a fire inspection conducted September 18, 2024.

Facility

EX-HS-.B	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.B(2) - It was determined through observation, bathrooms are located adjacent to the childcare areas. The supplies are within easy reach for the children and equipped with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant (NCP)	Met
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Comment

The Facility appeared to be very clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)	Met
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Comment

The Playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

	Health and Hygiene
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EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices (CS)	N/A
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Comment

No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)	Met
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Comment

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

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)	N/A
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Comment

The Program does not dispense medications.

	Policies and Procedures
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EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures (NCP)	Met
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Comment

It was determined that the Program provides parents a copy of it's written policies and procedures.

Comment

It was determined through discussion and the review of records the Provider does execute emergency preparedness by conducting monthly fire drills as well as severe weather and lock down drills twice a year.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)	Met
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Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

	Safety
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EX-HS-.S	N/A
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Comment

The Program does not sponsor field trips.

EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)	Met
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Comment

Determined age-appropriate discipline is communicated to staff on this date.

EX-HS-.R Transportation (CS)	N/A
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Comment

The Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements (CS)	N/A
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Comment

No safe sleep policies are necessary.

Staff Records

EX-HS-.K	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.K(1) - It was determined by the observation of records the program does maintain a personnel file on all staff.

EX-HS-.N	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.N(1) - The Midland Supervisor is responsible for the supervision, operation, and maintenance of the program. The Midland Supervisor generally on the premises and if absent at any time during the hours of operation, there is an officially designated person on-site to assume responsibility for the operation of the program.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date. Technical assistance provided for one staff member whom has completed the full course for CPR, however it doesn't state if it is for Pediatric training.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)	Met
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Comment

Observed initial orientation for all staff on this date.

Comment

Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Comment

EX-HS-.P(4) - Observed Health and Safety training completed on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.