

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

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Atlanta, GA 30334

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 1/6/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up**Arrival:** 1:00PM**Departure:** 1:35PM**EX-50145 EXMT-15355 EX-7 - Day camp**
Liberty County YMCA201 Mary Lou Drive, Hinesville GA 31313 Liberty
County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
1/6/2026	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
Board Room		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Over Flow Room	, Six and older	3	19	Y	Based on staff statements

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 1

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 19

Comments:

The program was in compliance with the approved exemption category.

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:

	Facility
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EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS) **Met****Corrected on 1/6/2026****EX-HS-.L(2) - Program had a Fire Marshal inspection on November 25, 2025.****EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)** **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.M(1) - Program submitted a supervision plan for use of the field which included the use of cones to establish boundaries of the playground. In addition, program will use walking ropes for containment on the route to the playground. Plan also included obtaining headcounts at several different locations along the way to the and from the playground.

	Health and Hygiene
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EX-HS-.I Medications(CS) **Defer****Defer**

EX-HS-.I(1)-The program has not dispensed medication since the last visit.

Defer

EX-HS-.I(2)-The program has not dispensed medication since the last visit.

	Policies and Procedures
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EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures **Met****Corrected on 1/6/2026****EX-HS-.J(2) - Observed evidence of emergency drills since the last visit.**