

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 5/15/2024**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:25PM**Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-48725 EXMT-14140 EX-1 - Government
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
5/15/2024	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 (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
036		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Hospitality Room		0	0	Y	
Outdoor Area	, Six and older	2	31	Y	
Playground	, Fives, Six and older	2	20	Y	
Playground 2	, Six and older	2	20	Y	
The Pavillion		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 6

#Children Count: 71

Comments:

The Specialist met with Ms. Young, program director, on May 15, 2024, for the purpose of completing a CAPS Monitoring Visit.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date



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**

Observed developmentally appropriate activities provided to children on this date.

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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Program does not provide swimming activities.

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

The program maintained completed children's record on this date, including attendance, immunization records, and parent acknowledgment form.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements (NCP)****Met****Comment**

The Exemption letter and certificate were observed posted by the program's main entrance. The program also submitted a current fire inspection report for review.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Program appears clean and well maintained.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)

Met

Comment

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

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)

N/A

Comment

Medication is not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

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 safety drills from was incomplete and was missing the times of the drills.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will maintain completed emergency drills documentation and will submit for review during the next monitoring visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2024

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)

Met

Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.S

N/A

Comment

No field trips are offered

EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)

Met

Comment

Observed age-appropriate discipline policies on this date.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

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

Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

No infants are enrolled.

Staff Records

EX-HS-.K**Met****Comment**

Observed completed personnel records on this date, including DECAL's Criminal Records Check, program orientation, health and safety trainings, ongoing, and staff identifying information, as required.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP)**Met****Comment**

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

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

Observed initial orientation for all staff on this date.

Comment

Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.