

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 11/19/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:00PM**Departure:** 2:45PM**EX-42596 EXMT-4337 EX-1 - Government
Ware County Recreation Department/Memorial
Park**1300 South Georgia Parkway, Waycross GA 31501
Ware County**Mailing Address****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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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>
11/19/2025	EX-CAPS-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)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Classroom		0	0	Y	
Computer Room		0	0	Y	
Main	, Fives, Six and older	4	31	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 4

#Children Count: 31

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:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities appropriate

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

EX-HS-.F - Equipment Observed Secured

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

EX-HS-.Q - No Swimming Activities Provided

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

EX-HS-.C - Children's records

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.B - Toilets and sinks available

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

EX-HS-.L(1) - Fire inspection on site and reviewed.

Comment

EX-HS-.L(2) - Observed fire inspection dated within 12 months.

Comment

EX-HS-.L(3) - No hazards observed.

Comment

EX-HS-.L(4) - The program appears clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed that the director or other staff inspects the playground prior to children going outside for hazards or needed repairs or cleaning. Discussed that staff will need to keep an eye on exposed weed barrier and the resilient surface fall zones to ensure that at least six inches of mulch or other approved surfacing is present.

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J(2) - Observed evidence of written drills conducted within the Program on this date.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.T - No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.E - Observed-Discussion/Redirection

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.S(1) - No field trips have been conducted at the program.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.R(1)(a) - The Program does not provide routine transportation. Transportation procedure discussed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.V - No safe sleep policies necessary

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

Finding

EX-HS-.D(1) requires valid evidence of a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination be maintained at the Program for each employee and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee. It was determined that two of four staff background check letters had expired in February 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The two staff completed a background check application in DECAL KOALA and scheduled appointments for tomorrow, November 20, 2025 to have fingerprints completed. The Program will ensure that every employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file, and secured prior to being present at the program while any child is present for care, or before an individual age 17 or older.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2025

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.G - First aid and CPR

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.N - Director available

EX-HS-.P Staff Training

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.P - Observed training for all staff members on this date.