

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 2/16/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 10:15AM **Departure:** 12:15PM**EX-40160 EXMT-9800 EX-7 - Day camp**
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
2/16/2026	EX-CAPS-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)	

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	, Fives, Six and older	2	10	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: 2

#Children Count: 10

Comments:

The provider was found to be in compliance with their designated exemption category on the date of the visit. A resource document regarding updated training requirements was provided at the time of the visit.

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 observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

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

EX-HS-.F - A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the Program.

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

EX-HS-.Q(1) - Swimming activities were not taking place during today's camp and will resume during Summer camp. Swim requirements were discussed at the time of the visit.

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

EX-HS-.C(2) - Please ensure immunization records are maintained for all children in care.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.X - Program operating as approved.

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

EX-HS-.B - Program observed to have adequate toilets, sinks and supplies available.

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

EX-HS-.L - No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.M - No playground provided.

Health and Hygiene

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

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.H - Discussed handwashing procedures.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.I - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.J - Observed the Program's written emergency plan on this date.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.T - There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

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

EX-HS-.E - Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.S(1) - Field trips were not provided for the current camp and will resume for Summer camp. Field trip requirements were discussed at the time of the visit.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

EX-HS-.R - No transportation provided.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

EX-HS-.V(1) - Program serves school age children.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.K(1)-No Record,EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)	Not Met
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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 based on the review of all four staff records that one out of four staff members had a criminal background check issued by the Department and has not been ported to the current program. The staff member had an undetermined date of hire and was reported to have been working the previous camp day and during additional holiday camps.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 2/17/2026

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2026

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) requires the Program to maintain a personnel file on all Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and shall contain the following: (a) identifying information to include: name, date of birth, current address and current telephone number; (b) evidence of all training required by these standards which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; (c) verification of a satisfactory criminal backgrounds check. It was determined based on the review of all four camp staff records that one staff member with an undetermined date of hire did not have a personnel record as required by the standard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will secure required information for all Staff. The Program will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff. The staff member is indicated on the Staff Form in the visit report.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2026

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.N - Observed a director or person responsible for overall supervision of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.P(2)(a-l) requires the initial orientation to include the following subjects: (a) the program's policies and procedures; (b) the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; (c) the staff member's assigned duties and responsibilities; (d) reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; (e) Emergency weather plans; and the program's emergency preparedness plan; (f) childhood injury control; (g) the administered of medicine; (h) reducing the risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); (i) hand washing; (j) Fire safety; (k) water safety; and (l) prevention of HIV/Aids and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on the review of all four camp staff that two out of four camp staff did not have documentation of orientation prior to assuming their duties.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.O - Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.