

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

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**(Cover Sheet)****Date:** 11/4/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 9:40AM **Departure:** 12:20PM**EX-43138 EXMT-11639 EX-7 - Day camp****Robert D. Fowler YMCA**

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Joint with:

| Compliance Zone Designation |                    |    | Prevention Action Category     | Intermediate Action Category     | Dismissal Action Category |
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| 11/4/2025                   | EX-CAPS-Monitoring | NA | <b>Prevention Level 1 (P1)</b> | <b>Intermediate Level 1 (I1)</b> | <b>Dismissal (D)</b>      |
|                             |                    |    | Technical Assistance           | Corrective Action Plan           | Dismissal                 |
|                             |                    |    |                                | Office Conference                | Disqualification          |
|                             |                    |    | <b>Prevention Level 2 (P2)</b> | <b>Intermediate Level 2 (I2)</b> |                           |
|                             |                    |    | Citation                       | Fine (Level 1 or 2)              |                           |
|                             |                    |    | Plan of Improvement            |                                  |                           |
|                             |                    |    | <b>Prevention Level 3 (P3)</b> | <b>Intermediate Level 3 (I3)</b> |                           |

| Room Description | Age Groups      | Staff Count | Children Count | State Ratio Met | Notes |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Activity Room 2  |                 | 0           | 0              | Y               |       |
| Activity Room 3  |                 | 0           | 0              | Y               |       |
| Gym              |                 | 0           | 0              | Y               |       |
| Library          | , Six and older | 2           | 20             | Y               |       |
| Pool             |                 | 0           | 0              | Y               |       |

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 20

Comments:

The provider was in compliance with their designated exemption category on the date 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

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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](http://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 - Observed-Variety Throughout Program.

**EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

EX-HS-.Q - Discussed-Swimming Rules

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

EX-HS-.C - Observed children's files as required

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

EX-HS-.X(2) - Parent statement of acknowledgment for exempt programs was observed in the 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(2) - Documentation for the annual fire inspection was viewed and dated September 11, 2025.

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

EX-HS-.M - Observation-Clean/Good Repair

**Health and Hygiene**

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| <b>EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.U - No children enrolled

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| <b>EX-HS-.H Hygiene</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.J Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.J1(a-i) - Based on a review of policies and procedures, the program has all required elements. The policy and procedure for handling and disposing of hazardous materials needs to be referenced in the parent handbook as it is a stand-alone policy. Additionally, the program's emergency preparedness plan also needs to be referenced in the parent handbook. Defining "mandated reporter" is suggested to provide clarification to parents.

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| <b>EX-HS-.T Required Reporting</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.E - Age-appropriate discipline policies

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| <b>EX-HS-.S Field Trips</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.S(1) - Permission authorizations for summer camp were viewed and complete.

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| <b>EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.R - Documentation discussed

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

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| <b>EX-HS-.G First Aid &amp; CPR(CS)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - All four staff members working on the date of the visit had current pediatric CPR and First Aid certification.

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| <b>EX-HS-.K Personnel Records</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

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| <b>EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.N - Director available

**Comment**

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - A resource document regarding ongoing training requirements was provided at the time of the visit.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision(CS)****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Adequate Supervision