

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

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

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**(Cover Sheet)****Date:** 10/17/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:40PM**Departure:** 3:30PM**EX-48561 EXMT-13983 EX-1 - Government  
Columbus Parks & Recreation @ Midland  
Academy After-School Program**7373 Psalmound Road, Midland GA 31820  
Muscogee County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

| Room Description | Age Groups                       | Staff Count | Children Count | State Ratio Met | Notes |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Cafeteria        | , Fours, Fives,<br>Six and older | 2           | 41             | Y               | Legos |
| Gym              |                                  | 0           | 0              | Y               |       |
| Room 507         |                                  | 0           | 0              | Y               |       |

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 41

**Comments:**

The child care program is 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](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 - 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 - Observed children's files as required

**Exemptions****EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.X(1) - The exemption approval letter should also be posted adjacent to the certificate.

**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 - Zoning, fire, building approvals observed

**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 diapered children enrolled

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

EX-HS-.H - Hand washing not observed - hand washing discussed

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| <b>EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

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

EX-HS-.J - Conducted drills documented

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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 - Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

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

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

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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>Comment</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.G(2)(a-d) - Observed Pediatric/CPR First aid training for staff on this date.

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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

**Comment**

EX-HS-.N(1) - The Site Coordinator is responsible for the supervision, operation, and maintenance of the program. The Site Coordinator is generally on the premises and if absent at any time during the hours of operation, there is an officially designated person on-site to assume responsibility for the operation of the program.

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**EX-HS-.P Staff Training****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.P - Staff training observed

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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