

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 12/22/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 9:50AM**Departure:** 12:00PM**EX-48538 EXMT-14308 EX-7 - Day camp**
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Bulloch County**Mailing Address****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
12/22/2025	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
Art Room		0	0	Y	
Five and Six	, Fives, Six and older	1	12	Y	
Nine thru Twelve		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 2

#Staff Count: 1

#Children Count: 12

Comments:

The program is operating as approved.

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****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

EX-HS-.F**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.F(2)(d) - Discussed a large screen TV placed on a table in a room not currently being used.

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

EX-HS-.Q - The Program does not provide swimming activities.

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

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

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

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

Facility**EX-HS-.B****N/A****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(2) - Observed a recent fire marshal inspection from October 2025.

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.L(3) - Discussed potential hazards. Ensure all items are kept out of reach of the children in care.

Finding

EX-HS-.M(1) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a 4 four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. If the outdoor play space has no fence or barrier, the program official must submit a plan to ensure children are protected from vehicular traffic, water hazards, and any other potential hazards while participating in outdoor play. It was determined based on observation that the main gate to the playground no longer latches. In addition, there was an area of the fencing in the back corner where there was a large gap of more than 5 inches that posed an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Program will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Discussed handwashing procedures.

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.J1(a-i) - Discussed recent updates to the required policies. Additionally ensure that other required policies are covered and a copy provided to parents.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)

Met

Comment

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

Safety

EX-HS-.S

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.S - Observed permission for field trips taken during summer camp.

EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.E - Observed appropriate discipline on this date.

EX-HS-.R Transportation (CS)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.R(7)(c)2. - Discussed paperwork for two field trips taken in the summer.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

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

Staff Records**EX-HS-.K**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.K - Observed personal records maintained.

EX-HS-.N

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.D - Observed evidence of Criminal records check.

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

Not Met

Finding

EX-HS.G(1)(a-b) requires (a) all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the program's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours; (b) The training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on a review of staff records that one of seven staff did not have pediatric first aid and CPR as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure all Staff that provide direct care to children obtain pediatric CPR and first aid training within the first 45 days of employment. The training shall be maintained on the Program's premises and must be completed by a certified or licensed health care professional or trainer that deal with the provisions of emergency care to infants and children. develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and pediatric CPR training present, and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and pediatric CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2026**EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - Provided technical assistance regarding recent standard changes to annual training that will be evaluated during the next visit as it relates to language and literacy requirements.

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

Met

Comment

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