

**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 Follow-Up**Arrival:** 10:10AM **Departure:** 11:30AM**EX-48538 EXMT-14308 EX-7 - Day camp**
Statesboro Family YMCA409 Claiborne Avenue, Statesboro GA 30458
Bulloch County**Mailing Address****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
2/16/2026	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	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 (Level1 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	10	Y	
Nine thru Twelve		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 1

#Staff Count: 1

#Children Count: 10

Comments:

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 FollowUp:

	Facility
EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)	Not Met

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 was observed open upon arrival with children present. 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. Additionally, the double gate near the sheds was observed unsecured and could be pushed open leaving a gap of more than approximately 5 inches.

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: 3/9/2026**Recited on 2/16/2026**

	Staff Records
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EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.D(1) -Discussed persons not associated with the camp program observed in the building. No children were observed in the building at the time. Discussed ensuring separation of the camp program and the members of the YMCA including entrances, exits, bathrooms and hallways.

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**Met****Corrected on 2/16/2026**

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) -This citation was corrected. Based on a review of records in Georgia PDS, the staff missing Pediatric FA and CPR had evidence of completion.