

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 5/15/2023**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:45PM**Departure:** 5:00PM**EX-42739 EXMT-12609 EX-1 - Government
Cobb County District ASP - Riverside Primary
Elementary School**461 South Gordon Road, Mableton GA 30126 Cobb
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
5/15/2023	EX-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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Cafeteria		0	0	Y	
Gym	, Six and older	3	15	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 15

Comments:

A CAPS Monitoring Visit was completed on May 15, 2023. The Specialist met with Ms. Simmons, program director.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date

Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about 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

By signing this report I acknowledge that the report was discussed with me and if there are any missing requirements I am responsible for submitting them as outlined to the GACAPS program.

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov.

1. Facility name, program number and visit date
2. Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
3. Specific standard(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the citation
4. Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date of the visit to the facility.
5. Your refutation will be forwarded to the CCS Exemptions Unit manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 770-293-5977.

Any violation which subjects a child to injury or life threatening situation or continued non-compliance may jeopardize participation in the CAPS program for eligible license-exempt program (government-owned facilities and day camps).

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The following information is associated with a Exemption Monitoring:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys (CS)****Met****Comment**

A variety of activities and toys were observed throughout the Program.

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

Program does not provide swimming activities.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements (NCP)****Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.X(2) requires when a parent or guardian initially registers a child with an exempt program, the parent or guardian shall sign a form indicating the parent or guardian has been advised and understands that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state. It was determined based on review of records that parents did not sign a form indicating that they have been informed and understand that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that all parents enrolled in the program sign the form indicating that have been informed and understand that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023**Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.X(4) - TA provided to keep a copy of the fire inspection report as part of the ASP documentation.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Program is located inside a public school and appeared clean and well maintained.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)

Met

Comment

Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed. Provider reported that staff and children use soap and running water before and after snacks, after using bathroom, and play. No hand sanitizer is used in the program.

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)

N/A

Comment

Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

Comment

Observed the Program's written emergency plan on this date.

Technical Assistance

TA provided to maintain adequate written documentation of fire drills.

Finding

EX-HS-.J(1)(a-i) requires the Program to establish and implement written policies and procedures that describe the Program's operations as follows: (a) the exclusion of children with contagious illness; (b) notification of parents in the event their child becomes ill while at the facility; (c) the notification of all parents of enrolled children when a reportable contagious illness is present in the facility; (d) the prevention of and response to food and allergic reactions; (e) emergency preparedness and response. A written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the program. The program will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and will include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. Such plan shall include assurance that no Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals; (f) the handling and appropriate disposal of bodily fluids and storage of hazardous materials (soiled clothing and bedding); (g) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; (h) fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Program shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years; (i) provide to Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures. It was determined based on review of records that the program had incomplete policies and procedures in evidence that letters a, b, c, d, f, and g were not met.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will establish and implement policies and procedures that will include components in in letters a,b, c, d, f, and g.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2023

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)

N/A

Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.S	N/A
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Comment

No field trips are offered

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

Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

EX-HS-.R Transportation (CS)	N/A
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Comment

Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements (CS)	N/A
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Comment

No infants are enrolled.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP)	Met
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Comment

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)	Not Met
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Finding

EX-HS-.P(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Program orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of records that two out of four staff members did not receive an Initial Program Orientation prior to assignment to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All staff members will receive an Initial Program Orientation prior to assignment to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023

Finding

EX-HS-.P(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on review of documentation that two out of four staff members did not complete the 10 hours health and safety training within 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members complete the health and safety training within 90 days of employment and submit to the department for review when requested.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023

Finding

EX-HS-.P(4) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review of records that two out of four staff did not complete 10 hours of ongoing training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that all staff members complete 10 hours of ongoing annual training.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023

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

Met

Comment

Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.