

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/10/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 9:45AM**Departure:** 12:30PM**EX-42809 EXMT-4673 EX-7 - Day camp**
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
10/10/2025	EX-CAPS-Monitoring	NA	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
Field		0	0	Y	
Pool		0	0	Y	
Youth Gym	, Fives, Six and older	3	20	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 20

Comments:

The program was 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 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 observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.F - The equipment and furniture observed to be properly used, secured and did not pose a hazard.

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

EX-HS-.Q - The program is not currently participating in swimming activities. Swimming standards will be reviewed by program officials prior to the pool being opened and swimming resumes for camp. The gates and doors were observed locked.

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 - Program operating as approved.

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****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) - Program observed operating as approved. Specialist previously spoke to a representative from the Pooler Fire Department that stated they do not currently perform annual inspections of facilities. He stated that the state fire marshal does the initial inspection and they require businesses to have inspections from fire alarm monitoring companies. He stated they plan to begin inspections in the future. The program had a fire alarm monitoring report dated April 2025.

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

EX-HS-.M - The field and pavilion that is used for outdoor play was observed to be clean and free of hazards.

Health and Hygiene**EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)****N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene**Met****Comment**

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

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures**EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.J(2) - Discussed that fire and other emergency drills are conducted monthly when the camp is in session. The drills are documented so they can be reviewed during monitoring visits.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

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

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

EX-HS-.E - A positive learning environment was observed. Staff was seen using age and developmentally appropriate behavior guidance with children during the visit.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.S - The director stated that field trips are conducted during the camp program.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.R(1)(a) - The program does not provide routine transportation. The director stated that the camp does not participate in field trips.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)****Met****Comment**

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

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

EX-HS-.D - Evidence of satisfactory comprehensive records check letters was observed during the visit for all current staff.

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date. Discussed the new training standard: Effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records**Met****Comment**

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

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements**Met****Comment**

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

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

EX-HS-.P - Observed staff training as required.

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

EX-HS-.O(1) - Appropriate staff child ratios observed on this date.