

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/24/2023**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:30PM**Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-58357 EXMT-23139 EX-1 - Government
Miles Ahead Charter School**

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
10/24/2023	EX-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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Room 118	, Six and older	2	17	Y	
Room 119 A/ B	, Fives, Six and older	2	19	Y	
Room 209		0	0	N	
Room 215		0	0	N	

Group Sizes Met? N

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 4

#Children Count: 36

Comments:

A CAPS Monitoring Visit was completed on October 24, 2023. The Specialist met with the program's director Ms. Bloxson and was joined by the Exemption Unit coordinator, Ms. Banton. A one Day Letter was issued and follow up is required. 2

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)****Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.F(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that three out of five bikes on the Merry Go Cycle in room 215 had three out of the five petals missing and the stationary trampoline was not age appropriate and had 3 springs missing posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will remove the Merry Go Cycle and will not allow the children to play on the trampoline.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023**EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities (CS)****N/A****Comment**

Program does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.C(4) - Arrival and departure records missing date. Please ensure to write / add dates on all arrival and departure records.

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

EX-HS-.X(1) - The program complied with the fire inspection requirement, children's Immunization were also reviewed. The Exemption Approval Letter and Certificate were observed posted by the program's main entrance.

Facility

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.B(4) - Paper towel missing from bathrooms. Please keep plunger, broom, and toilet brushes out of the bathrooms and out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

No playground provided

Health and Hygiene

Comment

No diapered children are enrolled.

Comment

Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

Comment

Medication is not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

Comment

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

Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

Comment

No field trips are offered

Comment

Determined age-appropriate discipline is communicated to staff on this date.

Comment

Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

No infants are enrolled.

Staff Records**Finding**

EX-HS-.D(1) requires every staff member with direct care responsibilities must have a Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the program while any child is present for care. It was determined based on review of records that one out of seven staff members did not have a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination while children were present for care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members obtain a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the program while any child is present for care.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2023

Comment

All staff have 90 days from hire date to complete first aid / CPR training.

Comment

Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.