

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 6/23/2025**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 9:45AM**Departure:** 11:15AM**EX-47725 EXMT-13171 EX-1 - Government
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners-
Mountain Park Park**5050 Five Forks-Trickum Road, Lilburn GA 30047
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
6/23/2025	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 (Level1 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
Classroom 1		0	0	Y	
Multipurpose Room	, Fives, Six and older	4	107	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 4

#Children Count: 107

Comments:

The program was found to be in compliance with their exemption category on the date of the visit.

Corrective Action Plan:No Plan Developed



Please refer the website, <http://www.decal.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@decal.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).

Director/Person-in-charge Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Specialist Signature _____ Date _____

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The following information is associated with a Exemption Monitoring:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

A daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities observed with various teaching methods to accommodate different learning styles.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys(CS)**Met****Comment**

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

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

Program does not provide swimming activities.

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

EX-HS-.C(2) - Please ensure all enrolled children have documentation of a current immunization record or exemption.

Comment

EX-HS-.C(4) - Arrival and departure records observed complete on the date of the visit.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Comment**

Observed annual fire inspection conducted on April 7, 2025.

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms located on each floor in or adjacent to child care areas and rooms.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)	Met
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Comment

Program appears clean and well maintained.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surfacing and fall zones.

Health and Hygiene

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

No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing was observed throughout.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)	Met
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Comment

Observed medication stored inaccessible to children

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

It was determined that the program provides Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting. Required reporting discussed.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

No field trips are offered.

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	Met
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Comment

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

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.K(1) - Staff records maintained on site.

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.N(1) - Individual in charge of the program was present at the time of the visit.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Appropriate staff-child ratios were observed on this date.