

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 8/11/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:45PM**Departure:** 3:50PM**EX-43846 EXMT-9114 EX-1 - Government
Sumter County Schools ASTEP - Sumter County
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
8/11/2025	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)	

Comments:

The child care program is 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**

Activities appropriate

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

Equipment Observed Secured

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

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Observed children's files as required

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

Compliance observed - zoning, fire safety

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

Toilets and sinks available

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.L(4) - Technical assistance was provided regarding the elimination of ants that were observed throughout the classroom.

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

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

Hand washing not observed - hand washing discussed

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Conducted drills documented

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Met

Comment

No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discipline policies

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.S(1) - Observed the parental authorization forms signed by the Parent on this date.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)

Met

Comment

No infants enrolled

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.G(2)(a-d) - Technical assistance was provided regarding at least 50% of staff are trained in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) - It was determined by the observation of records the program does maintain a personnel file on all staff.

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

EX-HS-.N(1) - The Site Coordinator is responsible for the supervision, operation, and maintenance of the program. The Site Coordinator is generally on the premises and if absent at any time during the hours of operation, there is an officially designated person on-site to assume responsibility for the operation of the program.

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

Staff training observed

Staffing and Supervision

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

Observed-Adequate Supervision