

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 9/23/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 9:00AM**Departure:** 11:40AM**EX-41125 EXMT-5219 EX-7 - Day camp
Cherokee Outdoor Family YMCA**201 East Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock GA 30189
Cherokee County**Mailing Address****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
9/23/2025	EX-CAPS-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)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Bearren		0	0	Y	
Field		0	0	Y	
Lake		0	0	Y	
Pavillion	, Fives, Six and older	2	8	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 8

Comments:

The program was operating within the exemption approval.

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 appropriate

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

EX-HS-.F - Observed-Variety Throughout Program.

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

EX-HS-.Q - Discussed-Swimming Rules

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 - Compliance observed - zoning, fire safety

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.B(5) - Technical assistance provided to provider to clean bathrooms daily before children arrive for care.

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

EX-HS-.L(4) - Technical assistance was provided to ensure that the exposed plumbing on the wall in the fourth stall in the girl's bathroom is covered or repaired.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.M(2) - Technical assistance provided to ensure that the broken enclosed slide is repaired or removed. Additionally, add or redistribute mulch under swings and fall zones.

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 - Hand washing not observed - hand washing discussed

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J - Written policies and procedures provided to parents

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 - Observed Age appropriate learning environment

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 8

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/23/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/03/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 14

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

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

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

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

EX-HS-.G - Technical assistance provided to ensure that staff complete pediatric first aid and CPR. The program must also provide evidence of completed training.

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

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

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

EX-HS-.N - Director available

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Not Met**

Finding

EX-HS-P(4)(a-b) requires, staff complete annual training (a) Every calendar year after the first year of employment, the Provider, Provisional Employees and Employees shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source.

(b) The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include the following:

1. At least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices;
2. At least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs);

(ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants);

(iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response);

(iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment).

3. No more than two (2) of the required ten (10) hours in business-related topics (e.g., parental communication, recordkeeping, management, business planning).

It was determined based on review of records that eight out of 21 staff did not complete 10 hours of ongoing training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2025

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Appropriate Staff: Child Ratios