Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 7/9/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring **Arrival:** 9:45AM **Departure:** 11:30AM

EX-67859 EXMT-24397 EX-7 - Day Camp and School Breaks
Camp C.A.R.E. 2.0

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Mailing Address

Same

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation		
7/9/2026	EX-CAPS-Monitoring	NA

Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
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)**	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Blessed Cir.	, Fours, Six and older	3	10	Y	
Joyful BLVD		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0 #Staff Count: 3 #Children Count: 10

Comments:
A One Day Letter was left at the program. Additionally, the program was providing full day summer camp for 4-year-old children, and an unlicensed complaint was completed on this date.

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

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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 - Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Comment
EX-HS-.Q - The Program does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

EX-HS-.C Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.C(1)(a-d) requires the Program to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for a period of one (1) year after such child is no longer enrolled. The file shall contain emergency contact information including, but not limited to, the following:
(a) Identifying information about the child to include name, date of birth, sex, address, living arrangement if not with both Parents, and name of school if applicable;
(b) Identifying information about the Parent(s) to include names of both Parents, if applicable, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers;
(c) Identifying information about the person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached to include name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached;
(d) Identifying information about the child's primary source of health care to include physician's or clinic's name and telephone number; and a statement regarding known allergies or other physical problems, mental health disorders, or developmental disabilities which would limit the child's participation in the program or any of the program's activities. It was determined based on a review of records that three of three children's records were missing medical information.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will develop, implement, and follow a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and ensure the proper collection of information for future enrollees. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Finding
EX-HS-.C(2) requires Program Staff to maintain a file for each child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations for each child enrolled in the Program on a form approved by the Department, and to allow no child to continue enrollment in the Program for more than thirty (30) days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that three of three children's record was missing records of immunizations.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will have and use a plan to track immunization forms for all enrolled children and ensure the form or affidavit is obtained from the parent or guardian within 30 days of enrollment. Parents will be informed that their child cannot remain enrolled in the program without this documentation.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Exemptions

EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements — **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.X(1) requires a program granted an exemption to post in a prominent place near the front entrance of the facility both a copy of the exemption approval letter issued by the department and a notice provided by the department that will notify a parent or guardian that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state. It was determined based on observation that the exemption approval letter and certificate were not posted by the program's main entrance.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will ensure a copy of both the exemption approval letter issued by the Department, and a notice to parents or guardians that the program is not required to be licensed is posted in a prominent place near the front entrance of the facility.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Finding
EX-HS-.X(2) requires when a parent or legal guardian initially registers a child with an exempt program, the parent or guardian shall sign a form indicating that the parent or guardian has been advised and understands that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state. It was determined based on a review of records that three of three children's enrollment were missing the statement indicating that parents have been informed and understand that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will obtain and maintain written documentation that the parent or guardian understands that the Program is not licensed and it not required to be licensed by the state.

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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 - Program appears clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS) — **N/A**

Comment
EX-HS-.M - No playground provided.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
EX-HS-.U - No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene — **Met**

Comment
EX-HS-.H - Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

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

Comment
EX-HS-.I - Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.J(2) requires programs to conduct drills for fire, tornado, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Program; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The program shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the program did not submit evidence that emergency drills were conducted as required, including monthly fire drill.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The program will conduct the drills as required and maintain the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting **N/A**

Comment
EX-HS-.T - There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

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

Comment
EX-HS-.E - Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.S(1) requires Program Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined based on a review review of records that the program did not submit field trips parental authorizations for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The program will have and use a system to obtain written parental permission in advance of the child's field trip participation and ensure the permission is signed and dated by the responsible person.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

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

Comment
EX-HS-.R - Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS) **N/A**

Comment
EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled in the program.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.K(1)-No Record

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.K(1)-No Record

Staff # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.K(1)-No Record,EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.K(1)-No Record

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS) **Not Met**

Finding

EX-HS-.D(5) requires Portability for Director, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. Only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. Every Employee must have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Program while any child is present for care. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days, (six months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of the records that staff #3 was hired on May 19, 2026, at a different summer camp location. Staff #3 was observed present in the Blessed Circle Room with children while they watched TV. Additionally, staff # 3 was issued a Comprehensive Satisfactory determination letter on May 20, 2026, and is eligible for portability, however, it was not ported electronically.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the program while any child is present for care, or before an individual is age 17 or older. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date. However, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required.

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

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - Technical Assistance provided regarding staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records **Not Met**

Finding

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) requires the Program to maintain a personnel file on all Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and shall contain the following: (a) identifying information to include: name, date of birth, current address and current telephone number; (b)evidence of all training required by these standards which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; (c) verification of a satisfactory criminal backgrounds check. It was determined based on records that the program did not maintain a personnel file on each staff member.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will secure required information for all Staff. The Program will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements **N/A**

Comment

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

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

Finding
EX-HS.P(1) requires prior to assignment to children or task, all Employees (i.e., volunteers, students-in-training, independent contractors, etc.) and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation. It was determined based on a review of records that all staff members did not complete the initial program orientation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Staffing and Supervision

EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision(CS) **N/A**

Comment
EX-HS-.O - Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.