

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 1/11/2023**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 3:00PM**Departure:** 4:50PM**EX-43882 EXMT-6389 EX-1 - Government
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
1/11/2023	EX-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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
201	, Fives, Six and older	1	10	Y	
209	, Six and older	1	11	Y	
311		0	0	Y	
Cafe		0	0	Y	
Gym	, Fives, Six and older	1	11	N	
Playground		0	0	Y	
Science Lab		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? N

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 32

Comments:

On January 11, 2023, an in person visit was conducted for the purpose of a CAPS Monitoring Visit. In addition, an administrative review was conducted on this date to review required documents.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date



Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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)****Met****Comment**

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

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

Program does not provide swimming activities.

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

Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

Facility**EX-HS-.L Physical Plant (NCP)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.M(3) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined that the play structure that included a slide and climbing equipment on playground did not have any resilient surfacing present in the fall zones to prevent injuries.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure to layer the playground with resilient surfacing and distribute the resilient surfacing adequately, ensuring a minimum of six (6) inches of resilient surfacing is present in fall zones to prevent injuries.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2023**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 (NCP)	Met
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Comment
Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)	N/A
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Comment
Medication is not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures (NCP)	Met
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Comment
It was determined that the program provides Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures.

Comment
Observed evidence of written policies and procedures that describe the Program's operations on this date.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)	Met
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Comment
There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.S	N/A
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Comment
No field trips are offered

EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)	Met
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Comment
Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

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

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 that one (1) of fourteen (14) staff members did not have a Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination while children were present in the program.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure each staff member has a Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the program while any child is present for care.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2023

Technical Assistance

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date. Staff will ensure that CPR and First Aid for all employees are valid and current. The program will schedule a CPR and First Aid training for additional staff members.

Comment

Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.