

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/8/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring
Follow-Up**Arrival:** 4:10PM**Departure:** 5:15PM**EX-43917 EXMT-6424 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Vanderlyn**1877 Vanderlyn, Dunwoody GA 30338 DeKalb
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
10/8/2025	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	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
2/3 PG	, Six and older	1	13	Y	
4/5 PG	, Six and older	1	31	Y	
Cafe		0	0	Y	
Pre-K/ K PG	, Fives	1	12	Y	
Room 101		0	0	Y	
Room 102		0	0	Y	
Room 103		0	0	Y	
Room 105		0	0	Y	
Room 112		0	0	Y	
Room 115		0	0	Y	
Room 15		0	0	Y	
Room 21		0	0	Y	
Room 6		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 56

Comments:

The child care program is in compliance with the approved exemption category. No CAPS children enrolled.

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 FollowUp:

Facility	
EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)	Finding

Corrected on 10/8/2025

EX-HS-.L(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. A recent Fire Inspection report was observed on this date.

Staff Records	
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EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)	Finding
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Corrected on 10/8/2025

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. More than 50% of staff members have completed the Pediatric CPR and First Aid training.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records	Finding
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Corrected on 10/8/2025

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. It was observed by a review of records that the directors of the program created a functional filing system, maintain complete personnel records.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training	Finding
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Corrected on 10/8/2025

EX-HS-.P(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. It was observed by a review of records that staff members completed initial orientation training.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

EX-HS-.P(3)(a-k) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The staff members in the program completed Health and Safety training as required.

Corrected on 10/8/2025

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. It was observed by a review of records that the staff members completed Health and Safety training, that will be sufficient for the annual 10 hours as it was the initial time taking the training.