

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

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 9/17/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring
Follow-Up**Arrival:** 3:00PM**Departure:** 4:00PM**EX-43878 EXMT-6385 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Bouie E. L.**5100 Rock Springs Road, Lithonia GA 30038
DeKalb County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
160		0	0	Y	
160		0	0	Y	
167		0	0	Y	
169		0	0	Y	
181		0	0	Y	
191		0	0	Y	
193		0	0	Y	
215		0	0	Y	
216		0	0	Y	
238		0	0	Y	
254		0	0	Y	
Cafe	PreK, Fives, Six and older	7	78	Y	
Green Top		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	
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Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 7

#Children Count: 78

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 FollowUp:

	Facility
EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)	Not Met

Finding

EX-HS-.L(2) requires the program to be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal, or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy if required prior to receiving any children for care. It was determined based on administrative review that the program could not provide evidence of a recent fire inspection report.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will obtain appropriate approvals and is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations by the state fire marshal, proper local fire marshal, or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy. All files will be reviewed at the follow up visit including the fire inspection report.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2025**Recited on 9/17/2025**

Staff Records

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS) **Met****Corrected on 9/17/2025****EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b)** - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The program met the requirement for Pediatric CPR and First Aid.**EX-HS-.P Staff Training** **Met****Corrected on 9/17/2025****EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b)** - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff members in the program are enrolled and actively completing the annual training.**Corrected on 9/17/2025****EX-HS-.P(5)** - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. It was observed that 100% of staff members completed the Initial Documentation of Orientation training.