

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/30/2024**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:50PM**Departure:** 4:30PM**EX-44628 EXMT-13204 EX-1 - Government
Camden County - St. Marys Elementary Extended
Day Program**

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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
10/30/2024	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 (Level1 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
main room	, Fives	5	35	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 5

#Children Count: 35

Comments:

The purpose of the visit was to complete a CAPS mv with the program.

Corrective Action Plan:Developed This Date

Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the Program.

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**

Program operating as approved on this date.

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

Observed most recent fire marshal inspection that was available.

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

EX-HS-.M(2) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation of the playground, there was not adequate resilient material in the fall zone of five (5) of five (5) swings when grass and dirt were observed throughout.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that adequate resilient material is available in the fall zones of all climbing and swinging equipment. This will be evaluated during the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2024**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

Staff stated that children wash hands upon arrival, before and after they eat.

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

Observed fire drill for this month.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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 safe sleep policies are necessary.

Staff Records

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks (CS)	Not Met
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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 based on a review of staff records, that three (3) of eight (8) did not have a satisfactory criminal records check associated with this program prior to employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure staff have a satisfactory record check prior to employment. This will be evaluated during the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2024

EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP)**Met****Comment**

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.P(2) requires the initial orientation to include the following subjects: the Program's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Employee's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency plans; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/Aids and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on a review of records that staff on site did not have access to evidence of initial orientation for eight (8) of eight (8) staff.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff on site have access to staff files as needed. This will be evaluated during the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2024

Finding

EX-HS-.P(4) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that two (2) of four (4) staff required to have annual training did not have evidence of training available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff on site have access to training as required for review. This will be evaluated during the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2024

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.