

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 5/9/2023**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:15PM**Departure:** 3:45PM**EX-48710 EXMT-14132 EX-1 - Government
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
5/9/2023	EX-Monitoring	NA	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
Cafeteria (room 35)	, Six and older	3	26	Y	
Room 28		0	0	Y	
Room 37		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 26

Comments:

A CAPS Monitoring Visit was completed on May 9, 2023. The Specialist met with Ms. Weaver, program director.

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**

Observed age appropriate activities offered at 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**

Observed the Exemption approval letter and certificate posted by the program's main entrance. Evidence of monthly fire drills, fire inspection report, children's immunization records, and notice of exemption were also observed on this day.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Program appears clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene**EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices (CS)****N/A****Comment**

No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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.

Comment

Observed the Program's written emergency plan 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

Observed age-appropriate discipline policies on this date.

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

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks (CS)	Met
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Comment

Criminal record checks are not required for Exemption Category

EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP)	Met
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Comment
Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)	Met
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Comment
Observed initial orientation for all staff on this date.

Comment
Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision (CS)	Met
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Comment
Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.