

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 2/5/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 3:00PM **Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-42448 EXMT-8507 EX-1 - Government
Bulloch County Board of Commissioners - Portal
Afterschool**328 Grady Street South, Portal GA 30450 Bulloch
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
2/5/2026	EX-CAPS-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)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
164/computer room	, Fours, Fives, Six and older	3	16	Y	
Cafeteria		0	0	Y	
Gym	, Fives, Six and older	2	16	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 5

#Children Count: 32

Comments:

The program was 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:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.F - The equipment and furniture observed to be properly used, secured and did not pose a hazard.

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

EX-HS-.Q - The Program does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.C(1)(a-d) - Discussed ensuring that parents/guardians complete all required fields on the enrollment paperwork to include work addresses and phone numbers.

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.C(2) - Discussed that the program should maintain copies of all enrolled children's immunization certificates as required by The Division of Public Health.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.X - Program operating as approved.

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.B - Program observed to have adequate toilets, sinks and supplies available.

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 a review of records, the program did not have a copy of a fire marshal inspection report on file dated within the last year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will contact the appropriate fire authority to inquire about the procedures for an annual inspection. Based on what is communicated, a fire inspection will be completed with a copy of the report kept on file for review, or documentation will be obtained from the fire authority on their letterhead stating that a fire inspection is not conducted annually. The documentation will be maintained on file. The program will maintain inspection reports annually.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.M - Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Proper hand washing observed throughout the program.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J(2) - Observed evidence of written drills conducted within the Program on this date.

Comment

EX-HS-.J1(a-i) - Observed evidence of written policies and procedures.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.T - The program has not had any incidents that required reporting.

Safety**EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.E - Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.S(1) - Proper documentation for a field trip taken on January 27, 2026 was observed.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.R(1)(a) - The Program does not provide routine transportation. Proper documentation for a field trip taken on January 27, 2026 was observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.V - No safe sleep policies are necessary.

Staff Records

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

EX-HS-.D(1) - Evidence of satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters were observed on file for seven current staff.

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.G - Observed evidence of staff training in pediatric CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records**Technical Assistance****Comment**

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) - Observed personal records maintained.

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) Discussed ensuring that there is a personnel file for new and substitute staff.

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.N - Observed a director or person responsible for overall supervision of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.P - Observed staff training as required.

Staffing and Supervision

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

EX-HS-.O(1) - Appropriate staff child ratios and supervision was observed on this date.