

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 7/31/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 9:10AM**Departure:** 12:30PM**EX-44394 EXMT-9535 EX-7 - Day camp
YMCA Nursery - Valdosta**2424 Gornto Road, Valdosta GA 31602 Lowndes
County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
7/31/2025	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 (Level1 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
Gym	, Six and older	2	23	Y	
Outside Cafeteria	, Fives, Six and older	5	48	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 7

#Children Count: 71

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

A daily planned program verified

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

Equipment Observed Secured

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

Discussed-Swimming Rules

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.C - Observed children's files as required

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.X(1) - Technical Assistance was provided regarding the posting of the exemption approval letter and exemption certificate to be placed in a prominent area in the main lobby.

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

Bathrooms appeared to be clean and disinfected.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.L(2) - Technical assistance was provided regarding obtaining an updated inspection report from the local Fire Marshal's office.

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 last fire inspection was conducted by a third party company.

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. An inspection was scheduled for the Fire Marshal's office to conduct a visit on this day.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS) N/A

Comment

No Playground

Health and Hygiene

EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices(CS) N/A

Comment

No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene N/A

Comment

Hand washing not observed - hand washing discussed

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS) N/A

Comment

Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures Met

Comment

Conducted drills documented

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting Met

Comment

No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS) Met

Comment

Discussed discipline policies and appropriate guidance.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips N/A

Comment

No field trips

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS) N/A

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

No infants enrolled

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(3)-Health and Safety Training

Staff # 9 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(3)-Health and Safety Training

Staff # 12 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(3)-Health and Safety Training

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

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Comment

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

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records **Met**

Comment

EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) - It was determined by a review of records, the program does maintain a personnel file on all staff.

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

Comment

EX-HS-.N(1) - The Director is responsible for the supervision, operation, and maintenance of the program. The Director is generally on the premises and if absent at any time during the hours of operation, there is an officially designated person on-site to assume responsibility for the operation of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b)requires, staff complete annual training (a) Every calendar year after the first year of employment, the Provider, Provisional Employees and Employees shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source.

(b) The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include the following:

1. At least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices;
2. At least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs);

(ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants);

(iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response);

(iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment).

3. No more than two (2) of the required ten (10) hours in business-related topics (e.g., parental communication, recordkeeping, management, business planning).

It was determined based on a review of records, two (2) of 22 employees have not complete their annual 10 hours of training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision