

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/28/2024**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:15PM**Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-42896 EXMT-4839 EX-1 - Government
Bill Arp Elementary (Douglas County School
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
10/28/2024	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 (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
204		0	0	Y	
210		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria	, Fives, Six and older	4	64	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Kindergarten-Frogs		0	0	Y	
Playground A		0	0	Y	
Steam Lab		0	0	Y	
The Landing		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 4

#Children Count: 64

Comments:

A CAPS Monitoring Visit was completed on this date. The Specialist met with the program director, Ms. Hamilton and the co-director Ms. Morgan.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date



Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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-.A****Met****Comment**

The children participated in activities such as movement, homework, computer games and story time.

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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

TA provided to post the exemption approval letter and certificate by the program's main entrance. Current fire inspection was submitted for review.

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

Observed the restrooms to be clean and well equipped with soap, running water, and paper towels. The restrooms are adjacent to the areas utilized by the children.

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

Program appears clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

TA provided regarding the maintenance of resilient surface. Please add, fluff and redistribute.

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

Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

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)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

TA provided to maintain complete emergency drill documentation such as the dates and times of the drills.

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

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 review of records that two out of nine staff members had an expired DECAL Criminal Records Check while children were present for care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members obtain a DECAL Comprehensive Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the program while any child is present for care.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on review of documentation that two out of nine staff members did not complete the 10 hours health and safety training within 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members complete the health and safety training within 90 days of employment and submit to the department for review when requested.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024

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 review of records that two out of nine employees did not complete 10 hours of ongoing training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that all employees complete 10 hours of ongoing annual training. The specialist will review training during the next monitoring visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024

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

Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.