

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 12/22/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 10:45AM **Departure:** 12:30PM**EX-42808 EXMT-4669 EX-7 - Day camp
Islands YMCA**66 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Savannah GA 31410
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
12/22/2025	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 (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
Class 1		0	0	Y	
Class 2		0	0	Y	
Gym	, Fives, Six and older	4	24	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 4

#Children Count: 24

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 - Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.Q(1) - Swimming does not take place during holiday camp. Swimming standards discussed, as swimming takes place during summer camp.

Comment

EX-HS-.Q(1) - Swimming rules discussed.

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****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.

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

EX-HS-.L - No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.M(1) - The following was discussed:

- The entrance gate was observed broken and hanging from one hinge. The program was aware and already had a plan in place to repair the gate before children go outside on the playground.
- Discussed that the fence should be monitored along the bottom so there is not a gap of more than 3.5 inches from the bottom of the fence and the ground. A gap greater than 3.5 and less than 9 inches is considered an entrapment hazard.
- Discussed monitoring the metal playground for chipping paint.

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Discussed handwashing procedures.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication is not dispensed.

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J(2) - Observed evidence of written drills conducted over the summer camp.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.T(1)(c)(1-9) - Discussed the required reporting process in DECAL KOALA.

Comment

EX-HS-.T(1)(c)(1-9) - There were no incidents or injuries 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) - Field trip forms reviewed for a past field trip taken on July 22, 2025.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

Not Met

Comment

EX-HS-.R(1)- The program does not provide routine transportation. The vehicle used for field trips during the summer camp was not on site to view during the visit.

Finding

EX-HS-.R(7)(c)2 requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the program. It was determined based on a review of the transportation checklist for a field trip taken during camp on July 22, 2025, there was no check or other mark/symbol showing each child exited the vehicle when they returned from the trip back to the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

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) - All current staff had evidence of a satisfactory background check associated with the program.

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

Met

Comment

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

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.K - Observed personal records maintained.

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 observed on this date.