

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 12/16/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up**Arrival:** 1:00PM**Departure:** 1:30PM**EX-42596 EXMT-4337 EX-1 - Government
Ware County Recreation Department/Memorial
Park**1300 South Georgia Parkway, Waycross GA 31501
Ware County**Mailing Address****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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Joint with:

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<u>Prevention Action Category</u>	<u>Intermediate Action Category</u>	<u>Dismissal Action Category</u>
12/16/2025	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	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)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Classroom		0	0	Y	
Computer Room		0	0	Y	
Main		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 0

#Children Count: 0

Comments:

A follow-up visit was completed by phone this date.

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 FollowUp:

Staff Records

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

Met

Corrected on 12/16/2025

EX-HS-.D(1) - The two staff received new comprehensive satisfactory background check letters that will expire November 20, 2030.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed that staff annual training should now include at least two (2) hours in evidence-based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. This standard is found in Chapter P. (4) of the CAPS Health & Safety Standards. Specialist emailed a copy of the standard to the director.