

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 9/19/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring
Follow-Up**Arrival:** 10:00AM **Departure:** 10:45AM**EX-44394 EXMT-9535 EX-7 - Day camp**
YMCA Nursery - Valdosta2424 Gornto Road, Valdosta GA 31602 Lowndes
County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
9/19/2025	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	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
Gym		0	0	Y	Not currently operating
Outside Cafeteria		0	0	Y	Not currently operating

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 0

#Children Count: 0

Comments:

The previous citations and visit report were discussed with the Director on 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:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities appropriate

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

EX-HS-.F - Equipment Observed Secured

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

EX-HS-.Q - Discussed-Swimming Rules

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 to be placed adjacent to the exemption certificate in a prominent area in the main lobby..

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

EX-HS-.B - Toilets and sinks available

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Not Met****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: 10/24/2025**Recited on 9/19/2025**

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.M - Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Health and Hygiene

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

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.H - No children enrolled - hand washing discussed

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication inaccessible to children

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.J - Written policies and procedures provided to parents

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.T - No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.E - No children enrolled - discipline discussed

EX-HS-.S Field Trips	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.S(2) - Checklist and proper check of the children before and after field trips were discussed with the Director.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.R - Documentation discussed

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

Staff Records

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

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

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

EX-HS-.G(2)(a-d) - certification of current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training have been completed by each staff member.

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

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

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**Met****Corrected on 9/19/2025**

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - It was determined by the review of records, the staff members have completed H&S and the Annual 10 hours of training.

Staffing and Supervision

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

EX-HS-.O - No children enrolled; proper ratios discussed