Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 9/5/2024 **VisitType:** EX-Monitoring **Arrival:** 2:50PM **Departure:** 5:15PM

EX-43917 EXMT-6424 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASEDP - Vanderlyn

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation		
9/5/2024	EX-Monitoring	Intermediate

Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
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)**	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
2/3 PG		0	0	Y	
4/5 PG		0	0	Y	
Cafe		0	0	Y	
Pre-K/ K PG	PreK, Fives	1	15	Y	
Room 101	, Six and older	1	10	Y	
Room 102	, Six and older	2	19	Y	
Room 103		0	0	Y	
Room 105	, Six and older	2	19	Y	
Room 112	, Six and older	2	18	Y	
Room 115	, Six and older	2	24	Y	
Room 15		0	0	Y	
Room 21		0	0	Y	
Room 6		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0 #Staff Count: 10 #Children Count: 105

Comments:
On September 5, 2024, an in-person visit was conducted for the purpose of a CAPS Monitoring Visit. In addition, an administrative review was conducted on this date to review required documents.

Corrective Action Plan:No Plan Developed

Please refer the website, http://www.decal.ga.gov/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@decal.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Exemption Monitoring:

Activities and Equipment

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys (CS) **Met**

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

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) **Not Met**

Finding
It was determined based on administrative review that the program could not provide evidence of compliance with the local fire safety agencies on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The program will ensure all local approvals including Fire Inspections are obtained as required . All local approvals including Fire Inspections will be reviewed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

Facility

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

Comment
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS) **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.M(3) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the playground utilized by pre-k through first grade did not have adequate resilient surfacing in the fall zones underneath the slides. It appeared to be less than 1 inch of resilient surfacing. It was also determined that the climbing and spinning equipment in the playground utilized by the fourth and fifth graders did not have adequate resilient surfacing in the fall zones. It appeared to be less than 2 inches in the fall zones.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will ensure all fall zones on each playground has resilient surfacing to prevent injuries. All areas of the playground including resilient surfacing will be observed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP) **Met**

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

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

Comment
Medication is not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures (NCP) **Met**

Comment
It was determined that the program provides Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP) **Met**

Comment
There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.S **N/A**

Comment
No field trips are offered

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

Comment
Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

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

Comment
Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
No infants are enrolled.

Staff Records

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks (CS) **Not Met**

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 administrative review that three of twenty staff members did not complete a criminal records check prior to working with the children in the program as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will ensure all staff members complete criminal record checks as required. An administrative review of all staff files including criminal record checks will be reviewed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP) **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.W(1) requires Program Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Program shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on administrative review that nineteen of twenty staff members did not complete CPR and First Aid Training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will ensure CPR and First Aid training is completed by all staff members as required. An administrative review of all staff records including First Aid and CPR will be reviewed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2024

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP) **Not Met**

Comment
All staff members are enrolled in annual training courses.

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 administrative review that seventeen of twenty staff members did not complete Health and Safety Training within the first 90 days of hire as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will ensure all staff members complete Health and Safety Training as required. An administrative review of all staff files including Health and Safety will be reviewed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2024

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.