

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 9/11/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring
Follow-Up**Arrival:** 10:00AM **Departure:** 10:10AM**EX-44599 EXMT-7815 EX-1 - Government
Calhoun City Schools - Calhoun Elementary
KEEP Program**101 Raymond King Drive, Calhoun GA 30701
Gordon County**Mailing Address****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
9/11/2025	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
151		0	0	Y	
Art Room		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria	, Six and older	2	39	Y	
Gym	, Six and older	2	44	Y	
Playground	, Six and older	2	34	Y	
Playground 1st to 2nd Gr.	, Six and older	2	23	Y	
Room 143		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 8

#Children Count: 140

Comments:

Virtual CAPS MV Follow Up.

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:

Exemptions	
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EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements

Met

Corrected on 9/11/2025

EX-HS-.X(2) - The program submitted the application indicating that parents have been informed and understand that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.