

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 9/9/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring
Follow-Up**Arrival:** 3:00PM**Departure:** 3:30PM**EX-45421 EXMT-10783 EX-1 - Government**
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
9/9/2025	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
Cafe	PreK, Fives, Six and older	1	19	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Room 125		0	0	Y	
Room 126		0	0	Y	
Room 129		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 1

#Children Count: 19

Comments:

The child care program is in compliance with the approved exemption category. No CAPS children enrolled at this time.

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**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Corrected on 9/9/2025****EX-HS-.X(1) - The finding was corrected on this date. Required posted notice observed in the front of the building.****Facility****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 administrative review that the program did not provide evidence of compliance with the fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date. A Fire Inspection conducted in 2023 was observed on this date. A recent fire inspection was not observed.

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, including a certificate of occupancy. All files including the fire inspection report will be reviewed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025**Recited on 9/9/2025****Staff Records****EX-HS-.P Staff Training****Met****Corrected on 9/9/2025****EX-HS-.P(2)(a-l) - The staff completed orientation training as required. The citation was corrected on this date.****Corrected on 9/9/2025****EX-HS-.P(3)(a-k) - Five of eight staff members completed the health and safety training as required. Three staff members have not officially started working and are within the 90 day timeframe.****Corrected on 9/9/2025****EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - Five of eight staff members took Health and Safety training for the first time, this will suffice as the annual 10 hours. Three staff members have not officially started. The staff members are actively completing diverse annual training as required.**