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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 2/4/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up **Arrival:** 2:20PM **Departure:** 2:55PM

EX-48584 EXMT-14003 EX-1 - Government Dekalb County Schools ASEDP - Stoneview Elementary

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Compliance Zone Designation		
2/4/2026	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	Prevention

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)**	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Cafeteria		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Media Center	, Six and older	1	12	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	
Room 207		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0 #Staff Count: 1 #Children Count: 12

Comments:
The purpose of today's vsit was to conduct an in-person unannounced follow-up visit.

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

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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:

Children's Records

EX-HS-.C Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.C(1)(a-d) requires the Program to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for a period of one (1) year after such child is no longer enrolled. The file shall contain emergency contact information including, but not limited to, the following:
(a) Identifying information about the child to include name, date of birth, sex, address, living arrangement if not with both Parents, and name of school if applicable;
(b) Identifying information about the Parent(s) to include names of both Parents, if applicable, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers;
(c) Identifying information about the person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached to include name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached;
(d) Identifying information about the child's primary source of health care to include physician's or clinic's name and telephone number; and a statement regarding known allergies or other physical problems, mental health disorders, or developmental disabilities which would limit the child's participation in the program or any of the program's activities. It was determined based on the review of a sample of three out of thirty children's records the enrollment forms did not include required information as follows: child's living arrangements, identifying information about the person(s) to contact in emergencies when the parent cannot be reached to include the address(es) and relationship to the child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will develop, implement, and follow a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and ensure the proper collection of information for future enrollees. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The children's registration form will be updated to include all required information.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Recited on 2/4/2026

Exemptions

EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements **Met**

Corrected on 2/4/2026
EX-HS-.X(1) - The exemption approval letter and certificate were observed posted at the time of the visit.

Staff Records

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS-.K(1)(a-c) requires the Program to maintain a personnel file on all Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and shall contain the following: (a) identifying information to include: name, date of birth, current address and current telephone number; (b)evidence of all training required by these standards which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; (c) verification of a satisfactory criminal backgrounds check. It was determined based on requested review of staff records that both staff records were not maintained and available for review on the date of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will secure required information for all Staff. The Program will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Recited on 2/4/2026

EX-HS-.P Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding
EX-HS.P(1) requires prior to assignment to children or task, all Employees (i.e., volunteers, students-in-training, independent contractors, etc.) and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation. It was determined based on the review of two out of two staff records that one staff record did not have documentation of staff orientation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Recited on 2/4/2026

Finding
EX-HS-.P(3)(a-k) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities shall complete health and safety training and Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours: (a) prevention and control of infectious diseases; (b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; (c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; (d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; (e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; (f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment;
(g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility);
(h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants;
(i) precautions in transporting children (if applicable); (j)recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and (k)child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on the request to review two out of two staff records that completion of required Health and Safety Orientation was not documented for both staff members.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Program will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track Health and Safety orientation training for all employees based on their hire dates.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

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