

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 8/18/2022**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:45PM**Departure:** 3:45PM**EX-43908 EXMT-6415 EX-1 - Government
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
8/18/2022	EX-Monitoring	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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Cafe	PreK, Fives, Six and older	2	41	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 41

Comments:

On August 18, 2022, an on site visit was conducted at the facility for the purpose of a CAPS monitoring visit. August 29, 2022-August 30, 2022, an administrative review was completed to review required documents.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date

Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.state.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@dec.al.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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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)**Met****Comment**

Program does not provide swimming activities.

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements (NCP)****Met****Comment**

During the administrative review, the specialist observed a Fire Inspection conducted on August 2, 2022. The program requested a follow up Fire Inspection on August 26, 2022, regarding the needed corrections to receive passing inspection results.

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

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EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.M(1) - The Playground is located at the side of the building, near the side entrance/exit door. The route from the entrance/exit door of the building to the Playground is not fenced. During all transitions to and from the Playground, based on each classroom's individual Playground schedule, staff will line up children; with staff positioned at the front and rear of the line, and will travel down the main hallway of the building, to the front/main entrance/exit door. Prior to children exiting the building, staff will place orange plastic cones or other temporary barrier (i.e., - movable chain/rope fence, etc.), from the entrance/exit door of the building, along the path/route to the playground. Additionally, staff will place a visible barrier around the approved outdoor play space for the children in the program to prevent children from walking off the playground. This barrier will also prevent anyone or anything not associated with the program away from the children during outside play. Staff will ensure that the barrier is placed and that staff are positioned, to completely prevent children's access to the main sidewalk area, outside of the playground. Staff will then closely monitor, supervise and escort children on the route from the building entrance/exit door, to the playground. The same procedure will be used by staff to transition children from the playground, back to the building.

Health and Hygiene

EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices (CS)

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

The specialist reviewed the Program's written emergency plan on August 29, 2022 during the administrative review.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)

Met

Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.S

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements (CS)

Met

Comment

No infants are enrolled.

Staff Records

Finding

EX-HS-.D(2) requires no staff member with an Unsatisfactory Records Check Determination may be present at a program when any child is present for care. It was determined based on a review of staff records, that one (1) of four (4) staff members did not have a satisfactory criminal records check determination associated with this program prior to being present with children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that prior to employment with children, staff will complete and obtain a satisfactory criminal record check through the Department and ensure that it is associated with this program.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022

EX-HS-.W First Aid & CPR (NCP)**Met****Comment**

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid during the administrative review on August 29, 2022.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)**Met****Comment**

Health and Safety training observed during the administrative review on August 29, 2022.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.