

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 11/2/2023**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:50PM**Departure:** 4:00PM**EX-42742 EXMT-12563 EX-1 - Government
Cobb County District ASP - Sanders Elementary
School**1550 Anderson Mill Road, Austell GA 30106 Cobb
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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
11/2/2023	EX-Monitoring	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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
1246	, Six and older	1	1	Y	
1251	, Six and older	1	1	Y	
1268		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria	, Six and older	6	53	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Outdoor Area		0	0	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	
Playground PK to 2nd		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 8

#Children Count: 55

Comments:

A CAPS Monitoring Visit was completed on November 2, 2023. The Specialist met with Ms. Walters, the program director. A One Day letter was issued on this day.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date



Please refer the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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**

Age appropriate activities were observed throughout the Program.

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)****Met****Comment**

Observed the exemption certificate and letter posted by the program's main entrance and children's immunization records are accessed through the school clerk.

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

Program appears clean and well maintained.

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

EX-HS-.M(1) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a 4 foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the rubber resilient surface in the playground for children pre-kindergarten to second grade had tears that pose a tripping hazard for children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will ensure that the pre-kindergarten to second grade playground is repair or replace.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023**Health and Hygiene**

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

No diapered children are enrolled.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

Documentation for medication dispensing observed. TA provided to include record of any noticeable adverse reactions to the medication.

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures (NCP)	Not Met
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Finding

EX-HS-.J(1)(a-i) requires the Program to establish and implement written policies and procedures that describe the Program's operations as follows: (a) the exclusion of children with contagious illness; (b) notification of parents in the event their child becomes ill while at the facility; (c) the notification of all parents of enrolled children when a reportable contagious illness is present in the facility; (d) the prevention of and response to food and allergic reactions; (e) emergency preparedness and response. A written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the program. The program will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and will include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. Such plan shall include assurance that no Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals; (f) the handling and appropriate disposal of bodily fluids and storage of hazardous materials (soiled clothing and bedding); (g) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; (h) fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Program shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years; (i) provide to Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures. It was determined based on review of documentation that the program had incomplete policies and procedures in evidence that letters a, b, c, d, f, and g were not met.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will establish and implement policies and procedures that will include components in in letters a, b, c, d, f, and g.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

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

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.S	N/A
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Comment

No field trips are offered

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

Observed age-appropriate discipline policies on this date.

Comment

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

Comment

Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

No infants are enrolled.

Staff Records

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 review of records that one out of ten staff members did not have a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination while children were present for care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members obtain a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the program while any child is present for care.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Comment

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

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 review of documentation that four out of ten staff members did not complete the 10 hours health and safety training within 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members complete the health and safety training within 90 days of employment and submit to the department for review when requested.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

Finding

EX-HS-.P(4) requires, in the first year of employment and then by calendar year thereafter, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers to attend ten (10) clock hours of training which is task-focused in early childhood education or child development or subjects relating to job assignment and is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review of records that four out of ten staff did not complete 10 hours of ongoing training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that all staff members complete 10 hours of ongoing annual training.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

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

Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.