

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 9/24/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 6:15AM**Departure:** 7:30AM**EX-44628 EXMT-13204 EX-1 - Government
Camden County - St. Marys Elementary Extended
Day Program**600 Osborne Street, Saint Marys GA 31558
Camden County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<u>Prevention Action Category</u>	<u>IntermediateAction Category</u>	<u>Dismissal Action Category</u>
9/24/2025	EX-CAPS-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 (Level1 or 2)	
			Plan of Improvement		
			Prevention Level 3 (P3)	Intermediate Level 3 (I3)	

Comments:

The program was in compliance with the approved exemption category.

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:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities appropriate

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.F - Equipment Observed Secured

EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.Q - No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.C - Observed children's files as required

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.B - Toilets and sinks available

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

EX-HS-.L - Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.H - Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures**EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J - Conducted drills documented

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.T - No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

Safety**EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.E - Observed Age appropriate learning environment

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2002

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)

Not Met

Finding

Hex-s-.D(1) - requires valid evidence of a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination be maintained at the Program for every actual and potential Director, Employee, and Provisional Employee. It was determined based on a review of staff that two of six current staff did not have a background check determination letter that was associated with the facility.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program director will ensure that every employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file and maintained prior to being present at the program while any child is present for care, or before an individual age 17 or older. Eligible background check determination letters will be ported to the program prior to staff being present.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2025**EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.G - Please add or edit the comment under the view findings button.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.N - Director available

EX-HS-.P Staff Training	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.P - Staff training observed

Staffing and Supervision

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

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Adequate Supervision