



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

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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 8/24/2021

VisitType: EX-Monitoring

Arrival: 3:30PM

Departure: 4:30PM

EX-42714 EXMT-12501 EX-1 - Government
Cobb County District ASP - Dowell Elementary School

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Joint with:

Table with 4 columns: Compliance Zone Designation, Prevention Action Category, Intermediate Action Category, Dismissal Action Category. Rows include Prevention Level 1 (P1), Prevention Level 2 (P2), and Prevention Level 3 (P3) with corresponding actions like Technical Assistance, Citation, and Plan of Improvement.

Staff: Child Ratios

Table with 6 columns: Room Description, Age Groups, Staff Count, Children Count, State Ratio Met, Notes. Rows include Cafeteria, Computer Room, Gym, Media Center, Playground 1, and Playground 2.

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 6

#Children Count: 54

Comments:

Program is located inside a public school and this CAPS Monitoring visit was completed virtually.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date



Please refer the website, http://www.dec.al.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 Maximus or the CAPS 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).

Director/Person-in-charge Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Specialist Signature _____ Date _____



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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.

Children's Records

EX-HS-.C

Not Met

Finding

EX-HS-.C(1) requires the Program to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; 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; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of document that three out of three of children's file were missing birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name doctor's contact information, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers, and emergency contact information when the Parent cannot be reached.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will maintain a file for each child while child is in care and ensure that the enrollment or registration forms are completely fill will all required information.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2021

Exemptions

Finding

EX-HS-.X(1) requires a program granted an exemption to post in a prominent place near the front entrance of the facility both a copy of the exemption approval letter issued by the department and a notice provided by the department that will notify a parent or guardian that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state. It was determined based on observation that the program did not have the exemption approval letter and certificate posted.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will post the exemption approval letter and certificate by the program's front entrance.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2021

Finding

EX-HS-.X(2) requires when a parent or guardian initially registers a child with an exempt program, the parent or guardian shall sign a form indicating the parent or guardian has been advised and understands that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state. It was determined based on review of documents that the program did not have a signed parent acknowledgement form on children's file indicating the parent or guardian have been advised that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will required parent or guardian to sign an acknowledgement form indicating the parent or guardian have been advised that the program is not licensed and is not required to be licensed by the state.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2021

Facility

EX-HS-.B

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.B(4) - No paper towel observed in the boys bathroom.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant (NCP)

Met

Comment

Program appears clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Afterschool program located in a public school and is not fully fenced in.

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

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. Provider stated that children and staff wash hands after using the bathroom, outdoor play, before and after snacks. Teacher also carry small sanitizers.

EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)

N/A

Comment

Medication is not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

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: 8/29/2021

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)

Met

Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety**EX-HS-.S**

N/A

Comment

No field trips are offered

EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)

Met

Comment

Observed age-appropriate discipline policies on this date.

EX-HS-.R Transportation (CS)

N/A

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

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 10

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours,EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/04/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2020

Staff # 6 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 7 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2020

Staff # 10 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.D-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 11 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

EX-HS-.P(4)-Annual Training 10 Hours

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

Not Met

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 two out of 12 staff members did not have a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that staff members initiate the process of obtaining a DECAL Satisfactory Criminal Records Check Determination.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2021

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

Not Met

Finding

EX-HS-.W(1) requires Program Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Program shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on review of documentation that 1 out of 12 staff members did not have First Aid training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will have all staff members complete First Aid and CPR training and maintain evidence on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2021

EX-HS-.P Staff Training (NCP)

Not Met

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 documentation that eight out of 12 staff members did not have 10 hours of ongoing training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure that all staff members complete 10 hour of ongoing training annually.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2021

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.