

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 11/24/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 12:00PM **Departure:** 2:30PM**EX-42813 EXMT-4685 EX-7 - Day camp**
Golden Isles YMCA144 Scranton Connector, Brunswick GA 31520
Glynn County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
11/24/2025	EX-CAPS-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)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
1		0	0	Y	
2		0	0	Y	
3	, Fives, Six and older	3	6	Y	
4		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 3

#Children Count: 6

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 observed to be appropriate and safe for children in care.

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

EX-HS-.F - The equipment and furniture observed to be properly used, secured and did not pose a hazard.

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

Swimming standards were discussed with the director and forms used this past summer camp were observed. Swimming does not take place during holiday camp.

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

EX-HS-.C(1)(a-d) - Observed children's files as required.

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

EX-HS-.X - Program operating as approved.

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

EX-HS-.B - Program observed to have adequate toilets, sinks and supplies available.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.L(2) requires the Program to be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy if required prior to receiving any children for care. It was determined based on a review of records that the last fire safety inspection on file was February 9, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will contact the appropriate fire authority to inquire about the procedures for an annual inspection. Based on what is communicated, a fire inspection will either be completed, or documentation will be obtained from the fire authority on their letterhead stating that a fire inspection is not conducted annually. The documentation will be maintained on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2026

Comment

EX-HS-.L(3) - No hazards observed accessible to children.

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)

Technical Assistance

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The following was discussed with the director:

The two metal storage buildings located on the playground should be made inaccessible to children by either removing the buildings or providing a sturdy 4 foot fence or other barrier. Some of the metal siding is bent and could potentially expose sharp edges and rust. In addition, a small area below and behind the buildings could be potential hiding spaces for children and hinder appropriate supervision. Also discussed that the four slim wall-mounted A/C units should be made inaccessible to children. Specialist suggested adding a 4 foot fence or other sturdy and secure barrier. Six school age children were observed with at least two staff members and supervision was observed sufficient during the visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Proper hand washing observed throughout the program.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication is not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J - It was determined that the program provides Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.T - There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.E - Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

N/A

Comment

The director stated that no field trips have been conducted at the program this year.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.R - Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.V - No safe sleep policies are necessary.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete and on file for five of five current staff.

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - Observed evidence of staff training in pediatric CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.K - Observed personal records maintained.

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.N - Observed a director or person responsible for overall supervision of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.P - Observed training for all staff members on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

EX-HS-.O - Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios and supervision during the visit.