



BRIGHT FROM THE START

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September 5, 2018

Ms. Beth H. DeMarco
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1500 North Patterson Street
Valdosta, Georgia 31698

Re: Valdosta State University
Exemption Program Number: EX-49939
1500 North Patterson Street
Valdosta, Georgia 31698
(Lowndes County)

Dear Ms. DeMarco:

This letter is in response to the application submitted on July 12, 2018, to be exempt from licensure for the program that your organization plans to provide care for children at the above location. Based on a review of the program description, it was determined that this program meets the criteria for exemption from state licensure as follows:

591-1-1-.46(1)(b)1. (EXMT-15210) Programs which are owned and operated by any department or agency of state, county, or municipal government. This includes, but is not limited to, the customary school day, as defined in Georgia law, and before and/or after school programs in public schools operated by the public school system and staffed with school system employees and recreation programs operated by city or county parks and recreation departments and staff with city or county employees.

CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION:

- Ages of Children: Infant – 17 years old
- Operation Months: January – December
- Operation Days: Sunday – Saturday
- Operation Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

NOTE: Exemption approval means this program is not licensed as a child care learning center and is not required to be licensed. Therefore, the program is not required to comply with the Bright from the Start Rules for Child Care Learning Centers. This program is not required to comply with the fingerprint criminal record check requirements. Bright from the Start does not regulate or routinely inspect this program and would only monitor the program to determine or verify compliance with exemption criteria and requirements. The facility must meet all local requirements, such as complying with building, zoning, and fire requirements.

Although your program meets child care licensing exemption criteria, this does not automatically qualify your program to receive funds from the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program. CAPS is a parental choice program, which means that families qualifying for CAPS funds may select the provider of their choice. If a parent that has been approved for CAPS funds selects you as their provider, your information will be entered into the CAPS database. If the selected program qualifies as a type of exempt program that may receive CAPS funds, you

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will be given a provider number and a welcome packet from the CAPS program. This packet will detail all the requirements of an eligible exempt program provider. If you have any questions about the CAPS program, you may contact MAXIMUS at [1-877-755-6522](tel:1-877-755-6522).

This exemption program number **EX-49939** and the exemption category number **EXMT-15210** remains valid as long as there are no changes in the program. If you alter the program in any way or move the program to a new location, you must submit a new exemption application for review. You must also notify Bright from the Start if the program stops operating. This letter and the enclosed Exemption Notice must be posted in a conspicuous location for public viewing.

Also enclosed are the requirements for exempt programs for you to use as a reference to ensure your program remains in compliance. Current information about exemptions can also be found at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx>.

You may contact me at (404) 463-0914, or at nikiesha.neil@decal.ga.gov if you have questions or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Nikiesha Neil
Exemptions Unit Manager

Enclosures

cc: Exemption File
Melissa Herndon

Notice of Exemption

I, _____ acknowledge that I have been informed that this program is not a licensed child care facility. I also understand this program is not required to be licensed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and this program is exempt from state licensure requirements.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____