

## To Parents Receiving CAPS Benefits For Childcare,

While the Houston County School District feels that it provides safe and adequate child care in its After School Programs, it is not in a position in terms of staffing, funding, nor facilities design to comply with equivalent health and safety guidelines as intended and established for licensed childcare providers. Since the new federal mandates influenced such policy changes for the GA BFTS:DECAL to limit the providers who may receive CAPS funding to those who meet such requirements, the HCSD may not participate as a provider. We welcome eligible families to participate in our program if they find it possible to afford the tuition from other sources.

The excerpt below provides the rationale for the changes in the regulations as described by the State Department. Families can find more details and information at <a href="http://www.caps.decal.ga.gov/en/EligibilityRequirements">http://www.caps.decal.ga.gov/en/EligibilityRequirements</a>.

### BFTS:DECAL Health & Safety Standards for License-Exempt Providers Receiving Subsidy

#### Overview

In September 2016, the Office of Child Care (OCC), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a final rule which made regulatory changes to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) based on the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014. The changes strengthen requirements to protect the health and safety of children in child care; help parents make informed consumer choices and access information to support child development; provide equal access to stable, high-quality child care for low-income children; and enhance the quality of child care and the early childhood workforce.

As part of the reauthorization of CCDBG, the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) division at Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) made policy changes to comply with the federal mandates.

One requirement of the reauthorization is annual inspections of license-exempt providers. This provision is addressed in section 98.42(b)(2)(ii) of the final rule, which clarifies that the annual monitoring requirements for licensed programs also applies to license-exempt providers that are eligible to provide CCDF services (receive CAPS funding). The only types of exempt programs eligible to receive CAPS per policy are government-owned/operated and day camp programs.

# A list of CAPS providers in Houston County that offer transportation from the school to the center is included on the next page for your convenience.



# CAPS Providers in Houston County With Transportation From School to Center

Location	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Hours_Open	Hours_Close
Bright Beginnings Early Development	101 Wes-Park Drive	Perry	GA	31069	(478) 988-4177	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Cherished Children	511 Myrtle Street	, Warner Robins	GA		(478) 923-1339	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Cherished Children Too	2300 Elberta Road	Centerville	GA		(478) 293-4344	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Childcare Network #222	2526 Moody Rd.	Warner Robins	GA	31088	(478) 922-7572	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Childcare Network #223	209 Corder Rd.	Warner Robins	GA	31088	(478) 922-9918	6:00 AM	6:30 PM
Childcare Network #252	1201 North Houston Rd.	Warner Robins	GA	31093	(478) 929-1395	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Eagle Springs Children's Center	106 Waterland Way	Centerville	GA	31028	(478) 953-5003	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Jacob's Ladder Educational Childcare	108 Gunn Road	Centerville	GA	31028	(478) 953-7896	6:00 AM	6:30 PM
Jacob's Ladder Educational Childcare	470 Hwy 247	Bonaire	GA	31005	(478) 922-4195	6:00 AM	6:30 PM
Meadowdale Learning Center - Elbert	1905 Elberta Rd.	Warner Robins	GA	31093	(478) 923-3574	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Meadowdale Learning Center - Houst	1797 Houston Lake Rd.	Perry	GA	31069	(478) 987-9070	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
New Beginning Childcare Center	620 Wellborn Road	Warner Robins	GA	31088	(478) 329-8741	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Sandy's Sandbox - Moody Road	2930 Moody Road	Bonaire	GA	31005	(478) 225-9555	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Special Blessings Learning Center Inc	1821 Macon Road	Perry	GA	31069	(478) 987-0886	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Sunshine Children's Academy	155 Smithville Church Rd	Warner Robins	GA	31088	(478) 953-3233	6:00 AM	6:30 PM
Tender Years Learning Center #1	101 Wisconsin Ave.	Warner Robins	GA	31093	(478) 923-4304	6:00 AM	7:00 PM
Tender Years Learning Center #17	105 South Kimberly Road	Warner Robins	GA	31093	(478) 329-8504	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Tracey's Stay-N-Play	153 Evergreen Street	Warner Robins	GA	31093	(478) 461-4694	6:30 AM	11:59 PM

List downloaded from <a href="https://families.decal.ga.gov/ChildCare/Search">https://families.decal.ga.gov/ChildCare/Search</a> as of 04-13-2022

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