



## BRIGHT FROM THE START

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Ms. Wendy T. Estes, Director  
University System of Georgia  
P.O. Box 1358  
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

Re: University of North Georgia – Blue Ridge  
Exemption Program Number: EX-47086  
83 Dunbarton Farm Road  
Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513  
(Fannin County)

Dear Ms. Estes:

This letter is in response to your request to be exempt from licensure for the program for children your organization plans to operate at the above location. Based on a review of your program description, this program meets the criteria for exemption from state licensure as follows:

**591-1-1-.46(1)(b)1. (EXMT-12805) 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:

- Children Ages: 8 years – 17 years
- Operation Months: Year-round
- Operation Day: Monday – Sunday
- Operation Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Exemption approval means this program is not licensed as a child care learning center and is not required to be licensed because the program operations meet the criteria as described above. Therefore, the program is not required to comply with the Bright from the Start *Rules for Child Care Learning Centers*. Unless participating in the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) subsidy program, Bright from the Start will not regulate or routinely inspect this program and will only monitor the program to ensure compliance with exemption criteria and requirements or to collect data. The facility must meet all local requirements, such as complying with building, zoning, and fire regulations.**

***If you have any questions about participating in the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) subsidy program, visit [CAPS.decal.ga.gov](http://CAPS.decal.ga.gov), email [caps.support@decal.ga.gov](mailto:caps.support@decal.ga.gov) or call 404-657-3434 or 1-888-442-7735.***

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This exemption program number **EX-47086** and the exemption category number **EXMT-12805** 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>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikiesha Neil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nikiesha Neil  
Exemptions Unit Manager

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cc: Exemption File  
Marsha Ruiz-Crosby, Regional Manager  
Colleen Covey, Consultant