



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/31/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:45 PM Departure: 5:15 PM

CCLC-67136

Oak Meadow Montessori School

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
07/31/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/03/2026	ILS with Final License Date	Good Standing	
11/18/2025	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A: Sassafras (1R)		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	B: Acorn (2R)		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: Live Oak		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: Magnolia		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 74					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 0					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

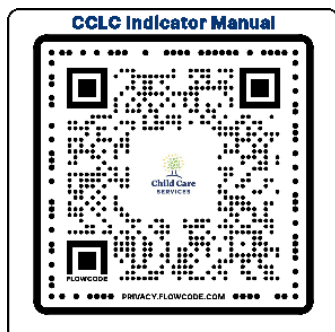
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Front (all ages)	98	C
Main	B: Middle (all ages)	149	C
Main	C: Back (all ages)	164	C
Main	Lower Elementary Courtyard A (Left Front)	7	C
Main	Lower Elementary Courtyard B (left back)	8	C
Main	Primary Courtyard A (Back)	5	C
Main	Primary Courtyard B	6	C
Main	Toddler Courtyard	5	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	11	14	24	17	0	19

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Gwen Dudek, on July 31, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to 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

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

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 userid 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 rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule 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.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Children were not present this day.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the poison ivy is removed from the right of the gate on the fence between playgrounds B: Middle and C: Back and to remove the thorny plants growing behind the picnic tables on playground A: Front.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a five and a half inch gap under the gate separating playgrounds B: Middle and C: Back, and there was a gate stuck open on the left side of Playground C: Back. Further there was paint peeling on the fence post to the left of the on fence separating playgrounds B: Middle and C: Back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Recited on 7/31/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there was rotten wood on the arch bridge on Playground B: Middle and on the anchor for the stationary bike on the courtyard outside classroom E: Scarlet Oak. Further there were sweetgum balls on playground C: Back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.15(2)(g) - Consultant provided "Chop, Look, Listen" materials to the director.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 7/31/2026

.10(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed ventilation in Classrooms A: Sassafras and B: Acorn.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on a review of records that the authorization to administer Albuteral was dated January 22, 2026 to February 5, 2026, and the record showed that staff administered the medication on January 22, 2026, and on April2, 2026. Further, there were other authorization forms which did not indicate times or dates for the medications to be administered.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The center will ensure that medication to be administered on an emergency basis have either an allergy or asthma action plan. The consultant provided the center with allergy and asthma plan forms.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(5) -Consultant discussed with the director that medicines no which are no longer to be dispensed shall be returned to the child's Parents.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The center does not serve infants and has no enrolled children sleeping in cribs.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 16

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two file) for employees hired since last visit November 18, 2025.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed evidence of 100% of center staff hired more than 45 days to have current certification in pediatric First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Consultant discussed with the director how to determine ratios for mixed-age classrooms.

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.