



Center Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed child care programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped as Serious, Moderate or Low risk violations. Documenting statements and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the child care website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/CDC/childcare.stm>. This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other child care records, please contact the Child Care Help Desk at 1-877-302-2347, option 4.

Program Details			
Program Name BEST BUDDIES.INC	Program Number 000000100327	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1402 WEST MAPLE NORTH CANTON OH 44720		County STARK	
Building Approval Date 09/21/2015	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 88	Maximum Under 2 ½ 80
Fire Inspection Approval Date 12/07/2020	Food Service Risk Level Exempt		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 03/30/2022	Begin Time 10:20 AM	End Time 2:45 PM
Reviewer: SARAH HEIL-HINTON		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 15	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 3	No. Low Risk 12

License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant (Birth to < 18 m)		3	0	3
Young Toddler		4	0	4
Total Under 2 ½ Years	52	7	0	7
Older Toddler		5	0	5
Preschool		16	0	16
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	88	21	0	28

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Playtime/Sleeping



Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Playtime
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Sleeping
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	Music
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	Lunch
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	Naptime
Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	Circle Time
Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	Lunch
Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	Naptime
Preschool 2	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 5	Small Group Activity
Preschool 2	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 5	Lunch
Preschool 2	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 5	Naptime

Summary of Non-Compliances

If the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited. Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 2-12-03 details the process for submitting a request for a review if a program disagrees with a licensing finding. The request for review must be submitted within seven days from the receipt of the licensing report.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Code: The program is required to refrain from using space heaters unless it has been approved by a fire official.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a space heater which had not been approved by a fire official was in use in the area identified in number(s) 1 below:

1. The administrator's office.
2. A classroom.
3. The break room.
4. Several classrooms.



5. The hallway.
6. The entry way.
7. Other [].

The use of this space heater must be discontinued until approval for its use has been obtained. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes written fire approval for use of this space heater or a written statement that the space heater is no longer being used at the program, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in an unlocked cabinet in the infant room where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 2 below.

1. Bleach.
2. Cleaning agent (Wish disinfectant).
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.
5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022



Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to store medication out of the reach of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a staff members medication was within the reach of children in the Infant room as it was stored in an unlocked refrigerator on the floor of the infant room. All medications must be stored out of the reach of children. Create procedures that assure medications will always be inaccessible to children. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements

Code: The program is required to respond to noncompliances by the date noted in the inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 9/22/21. The rule requires the program to complete and submit a corrective action plan in OCLQS to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements

Code: The program is required to refrain from preparing and serving food as stated in their exemption from a food service license.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that food was prepared and served in violation of the terms of the program's food service license exemption report which stated the program was exempt as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Prepares and serves no food;
2. Prepares and serves food to thirteen or fewer individuals daily;
3. Prepares no food but food is prepared and served by a licensed caterer as directed by Chapter 3717 ORC;
4. Other [].

The program must operate in accordance with the terms of the food service exemption status. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule

Code: The program is required to have the daily program schedule posted in all required areas.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a copy of the daily program schedule was not posted in the Preschool 2 area as required. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones

Code: The program is required to provide adequate fall surface for the outdoor play space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that while there was adequate fall surface material in the outdoor play space, proper distribution had not been maintained under and around equipment as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that fall surface material has been properly redistributed, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022



Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting

Code: The program is required to complete all information on the JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care."

Finding: In review of the records, it was determined that a JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" form was missing information as noted in number(s) 4,5,7,10 & 11 below:

1. Program information (program name, number, address);
2. Child's name;
3. Child's birth date;
4. Name of person(s) responsible for the child at the time of the incident;
5. Number of children present in the group at the time of the incident;
6. Date and/or time of the incident;
7. Whether or not parents were contacted;
8. Complete summary of the incident;
9. Accurate summary of the incident;
10. Name and/or signature of the person completing the form;
11. Other: who provided first aid, how many staff, action taken.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements

Code: The program is required to post the current weekly menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement as noted in number(s) 6 below.

1. The menu was not posted.
2. The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents.
3. The menu was not currently dated.
4. The entire menu was substituted.
5. At least one item on menu did not match what was served.
6. The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu Both the AM & Pm snack was not listed & toddler snack was not the same as what was listed.



Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care

Code: The program is required to provide a daily written record for each infant in care to the parents when picking up the infant each day.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that there was no daily written record for each infant provided to the parent or person picking up the infant on a daily basis. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to provide clean sheets for all cribs that are not too large or too small for the crib.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets did not meet the rule requirement as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. At least one crib did not have a sheet.
2. At least one sheet was too large.
3. At least one sheet was too small.
4. At least one sheet was torn.
5. Crib sheets were not clean.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.



Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Code: The program is required to have staff complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. The training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. The training was expired, as it is only valid for two years.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the child care staff member(s) who must complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/29/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications

Code: The program administrator is required to complete the rules course review within the defined time period.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the administrator had not completed the required rules review course provided by this Department for program administrators within the time period defined in this rule. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Code: The program is required to have the current rules available in a noticeable area.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the current licensing rules were not available or available in a noticeable area on the premises. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as



discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to use the updated JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" .

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care", as required, for the items in number(s) 2, 4, 10 below.

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list
8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked "yes"
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian's signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. Other []

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.



Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required; main entry.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program was operating in compliance with the current building approval(s).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 12/16/22.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The restrooms are used exclusively by the program.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 1/3/22.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of trees.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All equipment in the outdoor play space was observed to be anchored and stable.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All equipment was observed to be properly placed out of the path of the main traffic pattern.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The playground safety kit was used to verify the outdoor play equipment was free from



		entrapment hazards and unsafe and protruding bolts.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was discussed that blankets were washed weekly.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A notice was observed posted stating that smoking is prohibited at the program; main entrance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care" were posted in the program as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a contagious illness by number(s) 3 below: 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door; 5. Other [].

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

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Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed meeting the basic needs of all children assigned to the group.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed assisting children throughout the day.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sack lunches were stored in the kitchen refrigerator.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were warmed in accordance with the rule in a bottle warmer.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Bottles and opened food were stored in a refrigerator located in the refrigerator.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, there was discussion concerning diapering routines. Child-care staff indicated diapers were changed at appropriate intervals throughout the day.