Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

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 THE APPLE TREE	Program Number 000000200570		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3766 CLIFTON AVE CINCINNATI OH 45220			County HAMILTON
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 01/11/2021	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/25/2022	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 12:00 PM
Reviewer: Kristin Blassingame		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
58	14	0	2	14

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)		7	0	7
Young Toddler		13	0	13
Total Under 2 ½ Years	27	20	0	20
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		20	0	20
School Age		10	0	10
Total Capacity/Enrollment	70	30	0	50

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	

Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	3 to 12	
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	3 to 12	
Preschool 4-5	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	
Preschool 4-5	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	
Preschool 3-4	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	
Preschool 3-4	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	0 to 0	There were no school aged children on site at the time of the visit.

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: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection
Code: The program is required to have all spaces used for child care inspected by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office prior to serving children. The program is required to obtain a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection. If violations are noted during the inspection, the program is required to have all violations corrected and have the program re-inspected to obtain a completed fire form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for fire inspection as noted in number 1 below:

1. The program did not have documentation on file for a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection and the request for the new inspection was not made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the previous fire inspection.
2. The documentation for the most recent fire inspection contained violations that had not been corrected.
3. The [ ] space was being used and had not been approved by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office for child care.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes an updated fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks were not requested for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number 1 below:

1. Submitting the request for a background check for child care in the OPR.
2. Submitting fingerprints electronically according to the process established by BCI.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

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 2/9/2022. 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: 06/25/2022

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records
Code: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number 4 below:

1. There was no method in place;
2. The method did not include each child's name;
3. The method did not include each child's date of birth;
4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times;
5. The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements
Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from general hazards.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that hazardous conditions existed in the outdoor play area, as noted in number 10 below:
1. There was broken glass.
2. There were tall weeds.
3. There was poison ivy.
4. There were tree branches.
5. There was mold visible.
6. There were thistles with prickers.

7. There were bird droppings.
8. There were bolts with more than two threads exposed along a fence line or gate on a playground.
9. The sandbox was contaminated.
10. Other...Large gap between the fencing and the ground on both the preschool and toddler playground.
Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

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 the fall surface material used as noted in number 1 below had not been checked, and the material turned over or raked as needed, as required by the rule:

1. Mulch
2. Woodchips;
3. Sand;
4. Pea gravel;
5. Gravel;
6. Shredded tires;
7. 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.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection
Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) had not completed the online orientation training as noted in number 1 below:

1. Within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. No documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements
Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program or in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education was not on file nor verified in the Ohio Professional Registry for Child Care Staff Member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the verification of a high school education, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements
Code: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in numbers 5, 6 and 7 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.
2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.
3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.
4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.
5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.
6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.
7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.
8. Other: [ ]

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements
Code: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training as noted in numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 below:

1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. The CPR training was expired.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

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 numbers 8, 9, 11, and 14 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.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records
Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number 2 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child
2. Medical(s) on file was not updated every 13 months
3. Medical(s) were missing child's name and date of birth
4. Medical(s) were missing the date of the medical examination
5. The date of the exam was more than 13 months prior to the date the form was signed.
6. Medical(s) were missing a statement that the child has been examined and is in suitable condition for participation in group care
7. Medical(s) were missing the signature, business address and telephone number of the physician, physician's assistant(PA), advance practice nurse (APN) or certified
nurse practitioner (CNP) who examined the child
8. Medical(s) were missing a record of immunizations the child has had specifying month, day and year
9. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the physician, PA, APN, or CNP that the child has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized against the diseases
required by division 5104.014 of the Revised Code and found in appendix A to this rule
10. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of

conscience, including religious convictions
11. Other [ ]

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration
Code: The program is required to use the appropriate form and retain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products. The program is also required to obtain separate documentation for each medication/product and child.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for the JFS 01217 "Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care" as noted in number 2 below:

1. The program used an old version of the JFS 01217.
2. The signature date on the JFS 01217 exceeded more than 12 months.
3. The time period to administer the medication or medical food on the JFS 01217 was exceeded.
4. The JFS 01217 included more than one medication or medical food.
5. The JFS 01217 included more than one child's name.
6. The prescription label was not current.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures
Code: The program is required to provide appendix C to all parents of the children enrolled.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that parent(s) of the children enrolled in the program were not provided with a copy of Appendix C to 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: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan
Code: The program is required to have a written disaster plan.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information in numbers 10 and 11, below:

Procedures:
1. The written disaster plan had not been completed
2. The plan was not provided to all child care staff and employees
3. The plan was not used to respond to an emergency or disaster situation
4. Weather emergencies and natural disasters which include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, major snowfall, blizzards, ice storms or earthquakes
5. Emergency outdoor and indoor lockdown or evacuation due to threats of violence which includes active shooter, bioterrorism or terrorism
6. Emergency or disaster evacuations due to hazardous materials and spills, gas leaks or bomb threats.
7. Outbreaks, epidemics or other infectious disease emergencies
8. Loss of power, water, or heat
9. Other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the program

Details:
10. Shelter in place or evacuation, how the program will care for and account for the children until they can be reunited with the parent
11. Assisting infants and children with special needs and/or health conditions
12. Emergency contact information for parents and the program
13. Procedures for notifying and communicating with parents regarding the location of the children if evacuated
14. Procedures for communicating with parents during loss of communications, no phone or internet service available
15. The location of supplies and procedures for gathering necessary supplies for staff and children if required to shelter in place
16. What to do if a disaster occurs during the transport of children or when on a field trip or routine trip
17. Making the plan available to all child care staff members and employees
18. Training of staff or reassignment of staff duties as appropriate
19. Updating the plan on a yearly basis
20. Contact with local emergency management officials

Make the necessary revisions to the disaster plan. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/25/2022

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures
Code: The program's policies and procedures are required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written policies and procedures provided to the parents/guardians and employees was missing item numbers 14, 15, 17, 25, and 28 below:

General Information
1. Program name, address, email address and telephone number.
2. Description of the program's program philosophy.
3. Days and hours of operation, scheduled closings and basic daily schedule.
4. Staff/child ratios and group size.
5. Opportunities for parent involvement in program activities.
6. Opportunities for parents to meet with teachers regarding their child.
7. Payment schedule, overtime charges and registration fees as applicable.
8. Supports for onsite breastfeeding or pumping for mothers who wish to do so (if the program serves infants or toddlers).

Program Policies and Procedures
9. Enrollment including required enrollment information.
10. Care of children without immunizations.
11. Attendance including procedures for arrival and departure, the program's absent day policy, releasing child to persons other than the parent, releasing a child according to a custody agreement and follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program or activity does not arrive.
12. Supervision of children, including a separate supervision policy for school-age children, if applicable.
13. Child guidance.
14. Suspension and expulsion.
15. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including administering medication to children with disabilities and administering care procedures to children with disabilities.
16. Outdoor play, including limitations placed on outdoor play due to weather or safety issues (considerations may include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, wind chill, ozone levels, pollen count, lightning, rain or ice.)
17. Food and dietary policy, including, information regarding meeting one-third of the child's recommended daily dietary allowance, policy regarding formula, breast milk, meals and snacks, and a policy on providing supplemental food.
18. Management of illness including isolation precautions, symptoms for discharge and return and notification of parent of ill child.
19. Summary of procedures taken in the event of an emergency, serious illness or injury.
20. Administration of medication and topical products including medical foods, modified diets and whether school age children are permitted to carry their own medication and ointments.
21. Transportation for fieldtrips, routine trips (if applicable) and emergencies, including if the center will provide child care services to children whose parents refuse to grant consent for transportation to the source of emergency treatment.
22. Water activities/swimming.
23. Infant care, if applicable, including feeding, frequency of diaper checks and information about daily activities.
24. Sleeping, Napping and Resting.
25. Evening and overnight care, if applicable.

26. Policy on hours of operation including closing due to weather, school delays or closings and any other factors.
27. Situations that may require disenrollment of a child, if applicable.
28. Problem or issue resolution for parents or employees to follow when needing assistance in resolving problems related to the child care program.
29. Formal screenings and assessments on enrolled children and if the program reports child level data to ODJFS pursuant to 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code.

Revise the program's written policies and procedures to include the missing information. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised written policies and procedures, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

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 Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	

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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	

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
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the 3-4 preschool group.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were placed 2 feet apart.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The menu posted reflected the meal served.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the toddler room.