



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 A BRIGHTER START CHILDCARE	Program Number 000000200979	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 2765 BLUE ROCK RD. CINCINNATI OH 45239		County HAMILTON	
Summary of Program Details			
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/03/2023	Begin Time 9:30 AM	End Time 12:30 PM
Reviewer: Kristin Blassingame		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 15	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 15

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)		5	0	5
Young Toddler		11	0	11
Total Under 2 ½ Years	21	16	0	16
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		15	0	15
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	44	15	0	31

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment



infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 13	Infants and toddlers were combined at the time ratio was taken.
infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 12	Infants and toddlers were combined at the time ratio was taken.
Pre K	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 6	
Pre K	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 7	

Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-03 and 5101:2-13-03 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within seven business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements
Code: The program is required to receive a preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file as required. Submit the program’s corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the approval is now on file or the individual(s) are no longer



engaged in assigned duties and are not near children, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Code: The program is required to provide a clean and healthy environment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following unsanitary conditions were at the program: Bottle warmer being used in the restroom. A clean and healthy environment, including furniture, materials and equipment must be provided, and the program shall be cleaned daily. 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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all staff wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one staff member with the Infant/Toddler group did not wash his or her hands at the time listed in number 4 below, as required in rule.

1. Upon arrival for the day.
2. Prior to departure.
3. Upon entry into a classroom.
4. After toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
5. After each diaper change or pull-up change.
6. After contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
7. After cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.



8. After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
9. Before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
10. Before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
11. When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
12. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/03/2023

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Code: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number 4 below, were in the pre k restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.
2. There was no toilet paper.
3. There were no paper towels.
4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.
5. The plunger was accessible to the children.
6. The toilet(s) were not flushed.
7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.
8. There was a strong urine odor.
9. Other [].

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. 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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment



Code: The program is required to provide an environment that protects the children in care from any items and conditions that may threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Finding: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from the following item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in numbers 1 and 7 below:

1. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
2. Telephone cords.
3. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
4. Stacked chairs.
5. Employee(s) purse(s).
6. Diaper bags.
7. Television not securely anchored.
8. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
9. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
10. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
11. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [].
12. Other [].

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: 06/03/2023

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Code: The program is required to post and implement the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan" when necessary.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the requirements for the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan for Child Care" were not followed as noted in number 8 below:

1. The plan was not posted in each classroom.
2. The plan was not posted in other spaces used by children.
3. The name, address and telephone number of the program were not complete.
4. The location of first aid kit, fire extinguishers and fire alarm system, fire alarm pull stations and electrical circuit box were not complete.
5. The telephone number for emergency squad, fire department, hospital, poison control program, public children services agency, local health department, local emergency management agency, and police department were not complete.
6. Location of children's records was not complete.



7. Emergency information including any medications or supplies needed in the event of an evacuation was not complete.
8. The current version of the prescribed form was not used.
9. The plan was not implemented when necessary in that [].

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

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

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

Code: The program is required to post the JFS 08087 "Ohio Communicable Disease Chart".

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the JFS 08087 "Ohio Communicable Disease Chart" was not posted as required, as indicated in number 3 below:

1. The chart was not posted.
2. In a location readily available to program staff and parents.
3. The posted chart was not the current version, and the Child Care Manual Procedural Letter No. 159 was not attached.
4. The posted chart was not displayed in the size available in the ODJFS forms central to be easily read.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of 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 3 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.

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 a safe and sufficient barrier to separate the play and sleeping space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the barrier between the play and sleeping space did not meet the requirements as noted in number1 below:

1. No barrier had been provided
2. The barrier did not prevent the infants from entering the sleeping area.
3. The barrier was not safe.
4. The barrier was not sturdy.
5. The barrier impaired staff's ability to see and hear all sleeping infants in their cribs.
6. The barrier was inadequate.
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: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program staff is required to label bottles containing formula or breast milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that bottles containing milk for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and date of preparation. 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 infant daily care that meets the requirements of the rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's infant daily care did not meet the requirements of this rule as noted in number 1, 2, and 3 below:

1. Infants could not safely and comfortably sit, crawl, toddle, or walk and play according to the infant's stage of development.
2. Infants were not removed from the crib, swing, infant seat, exercise seat or other equipment throughout the day for individual attention.
3. Each non-crawling infant was not provided the opportunity for tummy time, outside of their crib, each day.
4. Other [].

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.

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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 before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that Child Care Staff Member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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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.

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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 2, 4,, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 13 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: 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 5,6,8,14,15,16, and 22 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/03/2023

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 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 20 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: 06/03/2023

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
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	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 Fire Inspection	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	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: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
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.
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.
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
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the pre k group.
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
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 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.
5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
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
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 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.