



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 GROWING TOGETHER LEARNING CENTER	Program Number 000000201206	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1530 EAST KEMPER RD. CINCINNATI OH 45246		County HAMILTON	
Building Approval Date 08/26/2015	Use Group/Code E with I-2	Occupancy Limit 98	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 06/17/2022	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/16/2022	Begin Time 9:45 AM	End Time 5:07 PM
Reviewer: ZIBUTE OSGOOD		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 10	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 11

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)		10	0	10
Young Toddler		12	0	12
Total Under 2 ½ Years	77	22	0	22
Older Toddler		6	0	6
Preschool		27	0	27
School Age		47	0	47
Total Capacity/Enrollment	98	80	0	102

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



Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	6 weeks to 16 months At arrival & lunch
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 7	After nap
Older Infants/Younger Toddlers	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 10	17 months to 30 months At arrival & lunch
Preschool	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 12	Toddler 2 & Preschool combined at arrival, 2 toddlers, over 30 months in the group
Preschool	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 12	Toddler 2 & Preschool combined, observed during lunch
PreK	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 16	4's, 5's & School Age combined at arrival
PreK	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 15	4's, 5's & SA combined at lunch

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

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Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio

Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Finding: During the inspection, a ratio of one child care staff member for twelve (12) children was determined to have occurred for the combined group of toddlers, two over 30-months, and preschool children when the situation in number 7 below occurred. In addition a ratio of one child care staff member for seven (7) infants was determined to have occurred when the situation in number 1 occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.
2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.
3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.
4. A child care staff member was unable to work.
5. A child was injured in that group.
6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.
7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.
10. Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.
11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.
12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.
13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.
14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.
15. Other [].

Additional child care staff members must be hired or current child care staff members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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: 09/15/2022

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program staff is required to remove any items listed in rule that are a potential suffocation risk from cribs.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object that created a potential strangulation or suffocation risk, as indicated in number 1 below:

1. Bib
2. Pacifier clip/ribbon
3. Teething jewelry
4. Blanket for infant under twelve months old
5. Pillow
6. Boppy
7. Bumper pad
8. Clothing stored in the crib
9. Diaper bag
10. Object or toy strung over the crib in which a child can pull himself up
11. Stuffed animal that is large/soft enough to conform to the shape of the child's face
12. Other []

The rule prohibits any item which obstructs child-care staff's visibility or poses a risk of strangulation or suffocation from being placed on or in a crib. Remove the item(s) immediately. 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: 09/15/2022

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Code: The program is required to use straps on equipment that is manufactured with straps.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following equipment was not used according to manufacturer's guidelines as noted in number 2 below:

1. The straps were missing on the [].
2. The straps were attached, but were not used on the changing table.
3. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
4. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [] were not followed in that [].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training has been provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.



Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/15/2022

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 4 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 [].

The plans posted in the infant and toddler 1 rooms were missing the location of the first aid kit in Building B. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/15/2022

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 immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not



meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or being used inappropriately as noted in number(s) [] below:

1. The fencing had missing slat boards.
2. The fencing had a broken slat board.
3. The fencing was loose.
4. The fencing was rotting.
5. The gate was broken and did not close.
6. The gate was locked.
7. The latch on the gate was broken.
8. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.
9. The gate had no latch.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/15/2022

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements

Code: The program is required to serve age-appropriate fluid milk or obtain written documentation when serving substitutions for fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that required documentation for substitutions for fluid milk was not on file as noted in numbers 2 below:

1. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants up to 12 months of age are served anything other than formula or breast milk.
2. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants and toddlers 12 months of age up to 24 months of age are served anything other than unflavored whole homogenized vitamin D fortified cow's milk, breast milk, or non-cow milk substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to milk.
3. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when toddlers and children 24 months of age and older are served anything other than unflavored one per cent milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, unflavored fat free or skim milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, or non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk.
4. Written parental consent for non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk for children 12 months of age and older.
5. The program did not have the type of milk in the toddler room to ensure that children, 24 months and older, were served age-appropriate fluid milk.



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 refrain from using televisions, computers, and other screens during meals and snacks.

Finding: During the inspection it was determined that television was on during lunch in the infant room. 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 is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number 1, 5 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated.

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 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: 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 formula for infants were not labeled with the 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: 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 fully 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: 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 an updated 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: 5101:2-12-07 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 11 (absent day policy and follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program does not arrive), 14 (policy regarding suspensions), 15 (administering medication and care procedures), 20 (policy on medical foods), 21 (transportation for field and routine trips), 26 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: 09/15/2022



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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.
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The building approval listed the following stipulation(s)/limitation(s): Each building has an occupancy limit of 49. Children under 30 months may be cared for in the preschool and PreK rooms in Building A and in all rooms in Building B.
5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: AOSK-CC5N7G, exp. 03/01/2023..
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	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: 5101:2-12-10 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
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training.
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	
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, was verified and dated 7/12/22.
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the records were complete, as required by the rule.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The requirements for completing JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" reports were discussed during the inspection.
5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.
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 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 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	