



## 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 M. PATTERSON'S TENDER STEPS KIDS ACADEMY, LLC	Program Number 000000207699	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1545 COMPTON RD MT. HEALTHY OH 45231		County HAMILTON	
Summary of Program Information			
Building Approval Date 08/17/2009	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 49	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 02/22/2019	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 12/16/2021	Begin Time 10:30 AM	End Time 1:00 PM
Reviewer: ZIBUTE OSGOOD		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 12	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 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)		1	0	1
Young Toddler		0	0	0
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	12	1	0	1
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		6	0	6
School Age		9	0	9
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	39	17	0	18

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



Infant/Toddlers/Preschool combined	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 5	2 toddlers, over 30 months, 3 preschool children At arrival
Infant/Toddlers/Preschool combined	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 7	During 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**

**Moderate Risk Non-Compliances**

**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 2 below:

1. Submitting the request for a background check for child care in the OPR.
2. Submitting fingerprints electronically to ODJFS, 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.

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### Low Risk Non-Compliances

#### Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision

Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately including responding to the child's basic needs and protecting them from harm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not being properly supervised as noted in number 5 below:

1. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during indoor play.
2. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during outdoor play.
3. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member more than once.
4. Staff were not physically present in the space and near enough to respond and reach the child(ren) immediately.
5. Two children were napping with blankets covering their heads, preventing appropriate supervision.

Children must be supervised according to rule and within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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: 01/19/2022

#### 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:

- Floor tiles were cracked and/or chipped, preventing appropriate sanitation.
- Wastebaskets were dirty.
- Walls were dirty.

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: 5101:2-12-12 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 number 3, 9, 11, 12 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, on the second floor, was hanging by a wire and was beeping indicating the batteries needed to be replaced.
10. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
11. A stairwell emergency exit from the second floor to the first floor was blocked with large boxes and the second stairwell exit was partially blocked with large boxes.
12. A paint can was accessible to the children on the second floor.

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: 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 at least one area of the program or at least one piece of equipment had chipping or peeling paint. The plaster from the ceiling on the second floor had fallen due to water damage. It was stated that school age children are being cared for on the second floor. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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**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 1 below:

1. The complete 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: 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 pricklers.
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. Corner trim on the siding was broken off, exposing sharp edges. .

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**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 debris.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that trash cans were stored on the school age play area. 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 4 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: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Code: The program is required to have a first aid kit onsite.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined first aid kit(s) at the program had missing, or expired, items that are required by appendix A of this rule to be contained in a first aid kit, as noted in numbers 4, 12 below:

1. The program did not have a first aid kit [onsite, on the vehicle, on a field trip].
2. One roll of hypoallergenic first-aid tape.
3. Individually wrapped sterile gauze squares in assorted sizes.
4. Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes.
5. Tweezers.
6. Gauze rolled bandage.
7. Triangular bandage.
8. Rounded end scissors.
9. Tooth preservation system or fresh chilled liquid milk in which to transport a lost permanent tooth, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where milk is stored if a tooth preservation system is not part of the first aid kit (for programs serving school age children only).
10. A working digital thermometer.
11. Disposable non-latex gloves.
12. A working flashlight.
13. An instant cold pack that has not been activated or ice, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where the ice is stored if an instant cold pack is not part of the first aid kit.
14. Sealable leak-proof plastic bags in assorted sizes or double bagged plastic bags that can be securely tied for materials soiled with blood or bodily fluids.
15. Pocket mask or face shield, appropriate for all ages of children in care, for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administration.
16. Soap or waterless sanitizer (field trip or transporting away from the program only).
17. Bottled water (field trip or transporting away from the program only).

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 Diapering and Toilet Training

Code: The program staff is required to use and discard a separation material between each diaper change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the staff did not use a separation material between each diaper change, as required by the rule, at the diaper changing station. 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: 5101:2-12-08 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 3 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.

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**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 1 below:

1. The training was not completed.
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.

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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 4, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15 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.

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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.
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
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: DCOU-BZ5L8L, exp. 03/01/2022.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the updated rule regarding the program's written policies and procedures were discussed.
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
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	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
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their 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
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding management of communicable diseases were discussed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	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
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
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
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.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.
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
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	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 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: 5101:2-12-25 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.