



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 EARLY STEPS LEARNING CENTER	Program Number 000000306124	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 27027 CHARDON ROAD RICHMOND HTS OH 44143		County CUYAHOGA	
Building Approval Date 06/27/2003	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 10/18/2021	Food Service Risk Level Level IV		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/27/2022	Begin Time 9:30 AM	End Time 12:45 PM
Reviewer: Erica Adams		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 8	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 6

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)		43	0	43
Young Toddler		13	0	13
Total Under 2 ½ Years	40	56	0	56
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		23	0	23
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	140	23	0	79

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



First Steps 2	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	Programming
First Steps 2	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	Programming
First Steps 1	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	Programming
First Steps 1	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	Programming
Early Explorers 2	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	Programming
Early Explorers 1	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 3	Programming
Early Explorers 1	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	Nap - Early Explores 1 & 2 combined
Skill Builders	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 14	Programming - Skill Builders and Kindergarten Enrichment combined
Skill Builders	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 12	Nap - Skill Builders and Kindergarten Enrichment combined
Skill Builders	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 7	Bathroom - Skill Builders and Kindergarten Enrichment combined

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: 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, required staff/child ratios were not maintained for different groups on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined twice for the First Steps 2 Infant group was 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 6 children. Additionally, a ratio of 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 14 children was determined for the Skill Builders and Kindergarten Enrichment groups combined.

Additional 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: 10/27/2022

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans

Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition. The program is required to implement and/or follow instructions on the JFS 01236 for a child with a health condition.

Finding: A written, signed and dated JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" must be on file for any child having health conditions which require monitoring for symptoms, or a medical procedure be performed, or ongoing administration of medication or medical foods at the program. In review of the children's records, it was determined that the required written information was either not on file, implemented or followed, for at least one child indicated on the Children Records Review, as noted in number 25 below:

1. No plan was on file.
2. Child's name was missing.
3. Child's date of birth was missing.
4. Name of the condition was missing.
5. Indication if medication is required was missing.
6. Symptoms to watch for were missing.
7. Directions for when should the medication or medical food be administered were missing.
8. Instructions for administration were missing.
9. Conditions that trigger the need for medication or medical foods were missing.
10. Expected results of the medication or medical food were missing.
11. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing.
12. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.



13. Training instructions were missing.
14. Directions for action to be taken if expected result of medication or medical food does not occur were missing.
15. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.
16. Dated signature of parent was missing.
17. Dated signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.
18. Printed name(s)/Dated signature(s) of child care staff member(s) trained to perform the procedure were missing.
19. Dated signature(s) of administrator was missing.
20. Name of any applicable medication was missing.
21. Date medication was administered was missing.
22. Time medication was administered was missing.
23. Dosage administered was missing.
24. Signature of staff member who administered the medication was missing.
25. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.
26. The plan was not implemented.
27. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.
28. The plan was not followed.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

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 obstruct the staff's view of the infant from cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with an object which could obstruct a child care staff member's view of the infant, but is not likely to create a potential suffocation risk, as indicated in number 4 below:

1. Busy box or other toy attached to the side of the crib.
2. A blanket hanging over the side of the crib.



3. Stuffed animal that is not large/soft enough that it could conform to the shape of the child's face.
4. Other: A bib hanging over the side of the crib.

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: 10/27/2022

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 [breast milk/formula] 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: 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: 10/27/2022



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 number(s) 3, 4, 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: 10/27/2022

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 number(s) 5 and 6 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.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to removed all medication, medical foods and topical products that are no longer being administered or have expired.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that medication, medical foods and/or topical products had not been removed from the program and were no longer needed or had expired. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 10/18/22.
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: THAR - CBXMK4 and 3/1/23.
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: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	



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	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 9/21/22.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
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
5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), VIN ending 2907, using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, was verified and dated 6/10/22.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: In review of 25% of the records, at the time of the inspection, children's medical statements were complete and on file, as required by the rule.
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
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
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: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had a system in place for regularly checking and replacing first aid kit supplies.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" and



		Manual Procedure Letter No. 159 was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
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 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, there was discussion concerning diapering routines. Child-care staff indicated diapers were changed at appropriate intervals throughout the day.
5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	