



## 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 Step In The Right Direction Literacy Learning Center	Program Number 2180017710		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 5817 Beechcroft Rd Columbus OH 43229			County FRANKLIN
Building Approval Date 03/06/2017	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 29	Maximum Under 2 ½ 14
Fire Inspection Approval Date 04/03/2018	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/17/2023	Begin Time 9:40 AM	End Time 2:00 PM
Reviewer: Bradie McAfee		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 12	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	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)		3	0	3
Young Toddler		6	0	6
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	76	9	0	9
Older Toddler		1	0	1
Preschool		16	0	16
School Age		32	0	32
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	76	49	0	58

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



School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 9	
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 12	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 4	
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 3	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 12	
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 4	

### 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 have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in numbers 3 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.
2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.
3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.



4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, 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: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Code: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the center for a period of one year.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number 4 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.
2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.
3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.
4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.
5. The record did not include the assigned group.
6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.
7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.
8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/16/2023



**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: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in numbers 1 and 22 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers. (Infant)
2. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
3. Toys or other items small enough to be swallowed were present in the space where infants and/or toddlers were in care.
4. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs.
6. Employee(s) purse(s).
7. Diaper bags.
8. Television not securely anchored.
9. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
10. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
11. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
12. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
13. A floor surface that was unsafe in that [ ].
14. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom.
15. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom was not sturdy.
16. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
17. Telephone cords.
18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [ ].
20. A mercury thermometer was being used to take a child's temperature.
21. Methods of ventilation used did not provide protection from rodents, insects, or other hazards.
22. Other; Toddler Kitchen screw exposed where faucet is missing.

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: 09/16/2023

**Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

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

Code: The program is required to provide equipment and materials that are easy to clean.



**Finding:** During the inspection, it was determined that at least one piece of equipment, furnishings, or material at the program was not constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning as noted in number 5 below:

1. The material had a tear.
2. The material was not washable.
3. The material was porous.
4. The surface was cracked.
5. The surface was repaired, but in a manner that still did not facilitate cleaning. (Toddler Blue Chairs)
6. Other [ ].

Equipment, furnishings, and furniture shall be constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning. 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: 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 trash and foreign objects.

**Finding:** During the inspection, it was determined that the outdoor play space was not free of trash or foreign objects as noted in numbers 12 and 15 below:

1. The outdoor area was littered with trash.
2. The trash can was missing a lid.
3. The trash can was not emptied from the day(s) before.
4. The trash can was overflowing with trash.
5. The trash can was infested with insects.
6. The trash can was visibly dirty.
7. There was broken glass.
8. There were tall weeds.
9. There was poison ivy.
10. There were tree branches.
11. There was mold visible.
12. There were thistles with prickles.
13. There were bird droppings.
14. The sandbox was contaminated.
15. Other; Ground cover.

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 Play Fall Zones

Code: The program is required to provide fall zones around equipment to prevent injury if a child were to fall.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the fall zone under and around equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements as noted in numbers 1 below:

1. The fall surface material had not been properly distributed or raked as needed to retain proper depth under and around equipment.
2. A fall zone hazard was present, in that, the [ ] posed a risk of injury if a child were to fall from a piece of equipment.
3. The fall zone was less than 3 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
4. The fall zone was less than 6 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
5. There was not a fall zone of 3 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
6. There was not a fall zone of 6 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
7. The fall zone was less than 4 1/2 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
8. The fall zone was less than 9 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
9. Other [ ].

The program is required to provide adequate fall zones under and around outdoor play equipment at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/16/2023

**Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills

Code: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the required drills were not completed for item numbers 1 and 2 below:

1. Monthly fire drills. (July)
2. Monthly weather emergency drills (March through September). (July)
3. Emergency/lockdown drills in each quarter of the calendar year.

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 Professional Development Requirements

Code: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member did not meet the annual professional development requirement as noted in number 1 below:

1. The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development.
2. Documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule.
3. Training topic did not meet the requirements listed in appendix A of this rule.
4. Documentation of training did not meet the requirements of this rule.
5. The substitute(s) had been used more than ninety days annually between July first and June thirtieth and had not completed at least six hours of professional development
6. 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: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Code: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.



**Finding:** In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements as listed in numbers 1 and 5a below.

1. A medical statement was not on file for at least one employee;
2. The medical statement(s) on file did not have a date of examination within 12 months of the employee's first day of employment;
3. Date of examination was missing;
4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;
5. A statement was missing that verifies the employee is:
  - a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;
  - b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);
  - c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);
6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test information was missing:
  - a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the world health organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment.
  - b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 6a.
  - c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test.
  - d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, 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 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 numbers 1 and 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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#### 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, 7, 10 12 and 14 below.

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list
8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked "yes"
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian's signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. Other [ ]



Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

#### **Domain: 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 1, 3, 4, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21 and 28 below:

##### **General Information**

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

##### **Program Policies and Procedures**

9. Enrollment including required enrollment information.
10. Care of children without immunizations.
11. Attendance including procedures for arrival and departure, the program's absent day policy, releasing child to persons other than the parent, releasing a child according to a custody agreement and follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program or activity does not arrive.
12. Supervision of children, including a separate supervision policy for school-age children, if applicable.
13. Child guidance.
14. Suspension and expulsion.
15. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including administering medication to children with disabilities and administering care procedures to children with disabilities.
16. Outdoor play, including limitations placed on outdoor play due to weather or safety issues (considerations may include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, wind chill, ozone levels, pollen count, lightning, rain or ice.)
17. Food and dietary policy, including, information regarding meeting one-third of the child's recommended daily dietary allowance, policy regarding formula, breast milk, meals and snacks, and a policy on providing supplemental food.
18. Management of illness including isolation precautions, symptoms for discharge and return and notification of parent of ill child.
19. Summary of procedures taken in the event of an emergency, serious illness or injury.



20. Administration of medication and topical products including medical foods, modified diets and whether school age children are permitted to carry their own medication and ointments.
21. Transportation for fieldtrips, routine trips (if applicable) and emergencies, including if the center will provide child care services to children whose parents refuse to grant consent for transportation to the source of emergency treatment.
22. Water activities/swimming.
23. Infant care, if applicable, including feeding, frequency of diaper checks and information about daily activities.
24. Sleeping, Napping and Resting.
25. Evening and overnight care, if applicable.
26. Policy on hours of operation including closing due to weather, school delays or closings and any other factors.
27. Situations that may require disenrollment of a child, if applicable.
28. Problem or issue resolution for parents or employees to follow when needing assistance in resolving problems related to the child care program.
29. Formal screenings and assessments on enrolled children and if the program reports child level data to ODJFS pursuant to 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code.

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

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#### Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-03 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 4/5/2024.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-10 Health Training 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



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
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 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding the written disaster plan were discussed.
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 Ratio	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 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
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	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
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding infant bottle and food preparation were discussed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	