



## 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 BEST BUDDIES.INC	Program Number 000000100327	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1402 WEST MAPLE NORTH CANTON OH 44720		County STARK	
Summary of Program Details			
Building Approval Date 09/21/2015	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 88	Maximum Under 2 ½ 80
Fire Inspection Approval Date 12/14/2022	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 07/31/2023	Begin Time 10:30 AM	End Time 2:30 PM
Reviewer: SARAH HEIL-HINTON		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 6	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 4

License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant ( Birth to < 18 m)		5	0	5
Young Toddler		3	0	3
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	52	8	0	8
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		14	0	14
School Age		0	0	0
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	88	16	0	24

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



Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	Free Play/Sleeping
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	Feeding/Playtime
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 6	Sleeping
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	Free Play
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	Lunch
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	Naptime
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	Free Play
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	Lunch
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	Naptime

**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 the same group on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined for the Infant group was 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 6 children (young infants). Additionally, a ratio of 1Child Care Staff Member(s) for 6 children was determined for the same group.



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: 08/30/2023

**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 number(s) 4 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/30/2023

**Low Risk Non-Compliances**

**Domain: 00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements

Code: The program is required to respond to noncompliances by the date noted in the inspection report.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 9/19/22. The rule requires the program to complete and submit a corrective action plan in OCLQS to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/30/2023

**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 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: 5101:2-12-10 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) 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/30/2023

**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 number(s) 4,5,10,12 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.



**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; hallway.
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information entered in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS).
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review; hallway.
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 12/14/23.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course; 11/15/22.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator's hours of availability to



		meet with parents were posted in a noticeable location; hallway.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The current licensing rules were available in a noticeable location on the premises; storage room.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
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.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
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.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
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.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.



Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of trees.
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 7/3/23.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All equipment in the outdoor play space was observed to be anchored and stable.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All equipment was observed to be properly placed out of the path of the main traffic pattern.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The playground safety kit was used to verify the outdoor play equipment was free from entrapment hazards and unsafe and protruding bolts.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All electrical outlets were covered with safety receptacles.
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from





		items and conditions which threaten their health, safety and well-being.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program provided a clean environment in accordance with Appendix A of this rule, which included the furniture, materials and equipment.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing 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; hallway.
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care" were posted in the program as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



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.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents; main hallway.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff; October 2022.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted in each classroom.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were placed 2 feet apart.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cribs were separated from the play space by a safe and sturdy and physical barrier.
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were labeled with the assigned infant's name.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted menus were current and dated.



Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals served at the program included foods from the four food groups in sufficient amounts.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program served the following: AM Snack, Lunch (packed) & PM Snack (Goldfish crackers & milk).
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food served at meal time to the infants; toddlers was developmentally appropriate and did not pose a choking hazard.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sack lunches were stored in the refrigerator.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had complete written documentation for administering medication or food supplements.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
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.



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