



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	
Building Approval Date 09/21/2015	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 88	Maximum Under 2 ½ 80
Fire Inspection Approval Date 12/14/2023	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/26/2024	Begin Time 10:35 AM	End Time 1:15 PM
Reviewer: SARAH HEIL-HINTON		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 8	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 9

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)		6	0	6
Young Toddler		3	0	3
Total Under 2 ½ Years	52	9	0	9
Older Toddler		3	0	3
Preschool		8	0	8
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	88	11	0	20

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



Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Playtime/Feeding
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Playtime/Feeding
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	Sleeping
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Lunch
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Free Play
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Naptime
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	Naptime
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	Lunch
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	Free Play

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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored on a low shelf under the changing table in the infant room where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 1 below.

1. Bleach spray bottle.
2. Cleaning agent.
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.



5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/26/2024

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 and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the JFS 01236.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children Records Review, with a condition that requires a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. No plan was on file for a dairy allergy.
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2. Child's name was missing.
3. Name of the condition was missing.
4. Indication if medication or medical food is required was missing.
5. Signs, symptoms or situations that require staff to take action were missing.
6. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.
7. Training instructions for procedures for staff to follow were missing or incomplete.
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8. Child's name was missing or not attached.
9. Child's date of birth was missing or not attached.
10. Child's weight was missing or not attached.
11. Name of the medication/medical food was missing or not attached.
12. Dosage of medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.



13. Time for medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.
14. Expiration date for medication/medical food was missing or not attached.
15. Symptoms that require staff to administer medication/medical food were missing or not attached.
16. Specific instructions to administer the medication/medical food were missing or not attached.
17. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing or not attached.
18. Physician's signature was missing or not attached.
19. The date of the physician's signature was missing or not attached.

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20. Child's name was missing.
21. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.
22. Signature of parent granting permission to implement the plan and verifying training was missing.
23. Date of parent signature was missing.
24. Certified Professional Trainer information was missing.
25. Signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.
26. Date of trainer signature was missing.
27. Printed name(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.
28. Signature(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.
29. Date of staff signature was missing.
30. Administrator/Provider signature was missing
31. Date of administrator/Provider was missing.

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32. Child's name was missing.
33. Name of medication or medical food was missing.
34. Date the medication/medical food was administered was missing.
35. Time medication/medical food was administered was missing.
36. Dosage of medication/medical food that was administered was missing.
37. Signature of person administering medication/medical food was missing.
38. The plan was not followed or implemented.
39. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.
40. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were onsite when a child requiring the plan was present.
41. Child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were not scheduled to be present the entire the time the child requiring the plan was onsite.
42. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 accompanied the child requiring the plan during a trip.
43. A child care staff member who had not been trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 performed the procedure.
44. 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.

Provide staff training. 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: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information

Code: The rule requires the program to keep their information current in OCLQS.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the information in number(s) 7 below was not up to date in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS):

1. Mailing address
2. Telephone number
3. Email address
4. Days and hours of operation
5. Services offered
6. Name of program
7. Private pay rates

Technical assistance was provided, and as discussed, log on to OCLQS and update the information, as required.

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 number(s) 6 & 15, below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.
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) were stored on the floor of an unlocked closet.
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 in the preschool classroom was not sturdy in that it had no gripping to prevent it from sliding when in use..
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 [].

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: 10/26/2024

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

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

Code: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number(s) 5 below, were in the preschool restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.
2. There was no toilet paper.
3. There were no paper towels.
4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.
5. The plunger was accessible to the children.
6. The toilet(s) were not flushed.
7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.
8. There was a strong urine odor.
9. Other [].



The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. 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 obtain written permission from parents of children who are over 12 months old and will using a cot/mat instead of a crib.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an infant who was 12 months or older was assigned to a cot without written permission from the parent, as required by 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: 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: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to store medical foods and topical products out of the reach of children.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medical food or topical product, diaper ointment, was within the reach of children in the infant room in that it was stored in a low cubby container on the cubed storage shelf. 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: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to have medication, medical foods and topical products labeled with the child's name.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medication, medical food or topical product was at the program which had not been labeled with the child's name. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/26/2024

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to use the appropriate form and retain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products. The program is also required to obtain separate documentation for each medication/product and child.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for the JFS 01217 ""Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care"" as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. The program used an old version of the JFS 01217.
2. The signature date on the JFS 01217 exceeded more than 12 months.
3. The time period to administer the medication or medical food on the JFS 01217 was exceeded.
4. The JFS 01217 included more than one medication or medical food.
5. The JFS 01217 included more than one child's name.

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 number(s) 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.



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; main hallway & office.
Rule: 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review; main hallway & licensing binder.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program was operating in compliance with the current building approval(s).
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 12/14/25.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted in the kitchen. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: BAMN-D2WKEF expires March 1, 2025.
Rule: 5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course: 11/15/22.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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; main hallway.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
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: 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: 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: 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 outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.
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 7/11/24
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of trees.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
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; main hallway.
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 one complete first aid kits available as required in the teacher resource room.
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" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents; main hallway.
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a



		<p>contagious illness by number(s) 2 & 5 below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door; 5. Other: sign-in table.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program was operating within their license capacity limits.
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; hallway.
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



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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed assisting children throughout the day.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted snack menus were current and dated in the main hallway.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program served the following: AM Snack, Lunch (packed) & PM Snack .



Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals were provided at intervals as required by this rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sack lunches were stored in the refrigerator.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.
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: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff: 1/20/24.