



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 STEPPING STONES EDUCATIONAL CHILD CARE CENTER		Program Number 000000104262	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 9305 OLDE EIGHT RD NORTHFIELD CENT OH 44067			County SUMMIT
Building Approval Date 06/06/1997	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 68	Maximum Under 2 1/2 8
Fire Inspection Approval Date	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 01/30/2026	Begin Time 10:55 AM	End Time 2:19 PM
Reviewer: MICHELE FAKAN		
Summary of Findings		
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 10	No. Serious Risk 0
		No. Moderate Risk 2
		No. Low Risk 10

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)		4	0		4
Young Toddler		4	0		4
Total Under 2 1/2 Years	8	8	0		8
Older Toddler		2	0		2
Preschool		18	0		18
School Age		0	5		5
Total Capacity/Enrollment	68	20	5		33

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

Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 12	nap combined with PS3
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	
preschool 3	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	
preschool 3	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	
preschool	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 7	
preschool	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 7	

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 5180:2-12-03 and 5180:2-13-03 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: 5180:2-12-09 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 1, 2, 3, and 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: 03/01/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Code: The program is required to have documentation from ODJFS, indicating the individual is eligible to be employed in child care, on file before allowing the staff to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that child care staff member(s) had sole responsibility of children in the toddler group(s) and neither a preliminary approval nor the JFS 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" were on file as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176 or a statement that the child care staff member(s) no longer have sole responsibility of children, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training. Additionally, the training must be completed before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training as noted in numbers 1 and 2 below:

1. The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. Documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016 was not on file.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.
4. A child care staff member had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 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 numbers 3,4,5, 6, 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: 03/01/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 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 numbers 2, 3, 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 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 number 1 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education for the child care staff member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, did not meet the requirements as listed in number 1 below:

1. Verification of completion of a high school education was not on file.
2. Documentation was incomplete or not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a career-technical program.
3. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is also enrolled in a college credit program in child development or early childhood education.
4. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a Child Development Associate (CDA) training program.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number 8 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 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 14, 15, and 29 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan

Code: The program is required to train child care staff members and employees on the written disaster plan annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually as noted in number 1 below:

1. Child care staff members and employees were not trained annually.
2. Written documentation of the training was not kept on file.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan

Code: The program is required to have a written disaster plan.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement or was missing the information in number 1 below:

Procedures:

1. The written disaster plan had been completed but could not be located on the day of the inspection.
2. The plan was not provided to all child care staff and employees
3. The plan was not used to respond to an emergency or disaster situation
4. Weather emergencies and natural disasters which include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash flooding, major snowfall, blizzards, ice storms or earthquakes
5. Emergency outdoor and indoor lockdown or evacuation due to threats of violence which includes active shooter, bioterrorism or terrorism
6. Emergency or disaster evacuations due to hazardous materials and spills, gas leaks or bomb threats.
7. Outbreaks, epidemics or other infectious disease emergencies
8. Loss of power, water, or heat
9. Other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the program

Details:

10. Shelter in place or evacuation, how the program will care for and account for the children until they can be reunited with the parent
11. A designated safe site where staff and children can safely remain when evacuated.
12. Assisting infants, toddlers and children with special needs and/or health conditions
13. Emergency contact information for parents and the program
14. Procedures for notifying and communicating with parents regarding the location of the children if evacuated
15. Procedures for communicating with parents during loss of communications, no phone or internet service available
16. The location of supplies and procedures for gathering necessary supplies for staff and children if required to shelter in place
17. What to do if a disaster occurs during the transport of children or when on a field trip or routine trip
18. Making the plan available to all child care staff members and employees
19. Training of staff or reassignment of staff duties as appropriate
20. Updating the plan on a yearly basis
21. Contact with local emergency management officials

Make the necessary revisions to the disaster plan. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/01/2026

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 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 10/23/2026.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: KWET-DDUKZR and level II expires 3/1/2026.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions.
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 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
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.
Rule 5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were placed 2 feet apart.
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cribs were separated from the play space by a safe and sturdy and physical barrier.
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were labeled with the assigned infant's name.
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding cribs were discussed.
Rule 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	