

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 NOAH'S ARK CHILD CARE INC	Program Number 000000104688	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 4524 LYNN ROAD ROOTSTOWN OH 44272			County PORTAGE
Building Approval Date 03/20/2000	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 263	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 01/16/2024	Food Service Risk Level Level IV		

Inspection Information				
Inspection Type Annual		Inspection Scope Full		Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 12/04/2024		Begin Time 10:00 AM		End Time 3:30 PM
Reviewer: BETH RAGLE				
Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 3	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 3

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)		20	0	20
Young Toddler		5	0	5
Total Under 2 ½ Years	50	25	0	25
Older Toddler		21	0	21
Preschool		48	0	48
School Age		0	26	26
Total Capacity/Enrollment	203	69	26	120

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

Infant 1 - Lambs	0 to < 12 months	2 to 9	Infant play; diapering
Infant 1 - Lambs	0 to < 12 months	2 to 9	Infant activities
Infant 1 - Lambs	0 to < 12 months	2 to 9	Meals; naps; tummy time
Infant 2 - Bunny	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 8	Play time
Infant 2 - Bunny	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 9	Lunch
Infant 2 - Bunny	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 9	Nap
Toddlers - Puppy	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 11	Nap
Toddlers - Puppy	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 10	Lunch
Toddlers - Puppy	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 9	Play time
Toddlers - Kitten	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 9	Nap
Toddlers - Kitten	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	Play time
Toddlers - Kitten	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	Lunch
Preschool - Bear and Frog Combined	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 14	Centers
Preschool - Bear and Frog Combined	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 14	Lunch
Preschool - Bear and Frog Combined	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 14	Nap
Preschool - Starfish	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 18	Lunch
Preschool - Starfish	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 18	Circle time
Preschool - Starfish	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 18	Nap
School Age - Monkey	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 10	After school snack; centers

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 number 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: 01/03/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

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 items or conditions which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number 5 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).
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.
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.
17. Telephone cords.
18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the 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: 01/03/2025

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to store chemicals and cleaning and sanitizing supplies in a place that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and chemical substances must be stored in their original container or clearly labeled. School-age children may use cleaning supplies and equipment with adult supervision.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous substance, which was determined to not present a serious risk to a child, was not used or stored properly as noted in number 11 below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children.
2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children.
3. Fish food was accessible to children.
4. Hand lotion was accessible to children.
5. Hand sanitizer (for children under 24 months) was accessible to children.
6. Laundry detergent was accessible to children.
7. Powder dish washing soap was accessible to children.
8. Paint cans were accessible to children.
9. White out was accessible to children.

10. Potting Soil was accessible to children.
11. Other potentially hazardous substance was accessible to children in the school age area.
12. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies had not been clearly labeled.
13. School-age children were using cleaning supplies, agents and/or equipment without adult supervision.
14. A spray aerosol was used while children were in attendance.
15. Other.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/03/2025

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements

Code: The program is required to serve age-appropriate fluid milk or obtain written documentation when serving substitutions for fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that required documentation for substitutions for fluid milk was not on file as noted in number 2 below:

1. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants up to 12 months of age are served anything other than formula or breast milk.
2. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants and toddlers 12 months of age up to 24 months of age are served anything other than unflavored whole homogenized vitamin D fortified cow's milk, breast milk, or non-cow milk substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to milk.
3. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when toddlers and children 24 months of age and older are served anything other than unflavored one per cent milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, unflavored fat free or skim milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, or non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk.
4. Written parental consent for non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk for children 12 months of age and older.
5. The program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk.

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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review.

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 1/16/2025.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the date of expiration: 3/1/2025.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The administrator has completed the rules review course.
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.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The 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 9/9/24.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards.

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 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.

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Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their 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.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the records were complete, as required by the rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 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.
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.
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.
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
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.
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: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.

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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.
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: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cribs were separated from the play space by a safe and sturdy and physical barrier.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted menus included foods from all four food groups.
Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Posted menus were current and dated.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An appropriate program of activities with infants was observed.

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 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Infants were fed in conformity with parent/guardian's written, dated instructions.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant room(s).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had complete written documentation for administering medication or food supplements.
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.