



## 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 SERENDIPITY ELC		Program Number 000000201324	
Address 729 JEFFERSON AVE CINCINNATI OH 45215			County HAMILTON
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 09/04/2025		Food Service Risk Level Exempt	

Inspection Information				
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced		
Inspection Date 02/03/2026	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 10:30 AM		
Reviewer: Kristin Blassingame				
Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 7	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 7

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)		0	0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Older Toddler		0	0	0	0
Preschool		0	57	57	57
School Age		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>

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

Green Room	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	Departure
Green Room	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	Arrival
Blue Room	3 years to < 4 years	0 to 0	There were no children in attendance; this group is only in session MWF
Red Room	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15	Arrival
Red Room	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 15	Departure

### 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 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: 03/05/2026

### **Low Risk Non-Compliances**

#### **Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Code: The program is required to follow the cleaning schedule for equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not providing a clean and healthy environment, furniture, materials and equipment as required by Appendix A, as noted in number 17 below:

1. Item(s) soiled with blood or bodily fluids were not cleaned/sanitized immediately.
2. Blankets/sheets were not cleaned weekly, when soiled, or before use by another child.
3. Children's individual blankets and belongings were stored in an unsanitary manner.
4. Bottles, bottle caps, nipples and other equipment used for bottle feeding were not cleaned and sanitized in a dishwasher or by washing, rinsing, and boiling for one minute.
5. Carpets were not vacuumed weekly or cleaned when soiled.
6. Changing table/pad was not sanitized after each use or cleaned when visibly soiled.
7. Reusable cloths were not being washed daily or when visibly soiled.
8. Cots/Pads/Mats were not cleaned and sanitized before assigning to a different child, when used by a sick child, when soiled or at least every three months.
9. Cribs were not cleaned and sanitized monthly, or when soiled, or before use by another child.
10. Diaper Receptables were not cleaned and sanitized daily or more frequently as needed to eliminate odor.
11. Dishes/Cups/Silverware were not cleaned and sanitized after each use.
12. Water Containers were not labeled with the child's name, or were not cleaned and sanitized before use again on another day.
13. Dividers were not cleaned when visibly soiled.
14. Dress up clothes and hats (dramatic play) were not cleaned monthly or when soiled.
15. Floors were not cleaned weekly or when soiled.
16. The food prep area, including sinks, were not cleaned before and after preparing food (including bottle preparation) or between preparing raw or cooked food.

17. Potty chairs were not cleaned after each use, rinsed with water, cleaned and sanitized or contents were not emptied into a toilet.
18. Food tables, highchair trays were not cleaned before and after each use.
19. Tables used for play were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized daily.
20. Toilet bowls were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized weekly.
21. Toilet seat(s), handle(s) and hand washing sink(s) were not cleaned when visibly soiled or sanitized daily.
22. Mouthed toys were not cleaned and sanitized after each child's use.
23. Toys, other than those mouthed by children, were not cleaned monthly or when visibly soiled.
24. Washable furniture, including fabrics on infant equipment, were not cleaned weekly or when soiled.
25. Upholstered furniture was not steam cleaned when soiled.
26. Slip covers were not washed at least every six months or when soiled.
27. Wastebaskets/rinse buckets, including lids, were not being emptied daily or cleaned and sanitized when visibly soiled.
28. The manufacturer's directions for the cleaning product were not followed.
29. The solution used for sanitizing was not a commercial product registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a sanitizer.
30. Other [ ].

Furniture, materials and equipment must be maintained according to the cleaning and sanitizing schedule in Appendix A to 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: 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 number 1 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.

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**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 number 4 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.

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**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 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: [ ]

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#### **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.

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#### **Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 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 10, 11, and 15 below.

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

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

**Domain: 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 1 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 [ ]

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#### Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.
Rule 5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
Rule 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
Rule 5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
Rule Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.
Rule 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
Rule 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding handwashing were discussed.
Rule 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Status 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 Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Status 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	
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	



Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.
Rule 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable