

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 ALPHABET JUNCTION INC	Program Number 000000204807		Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3501 CHEVIOT AVE CINCINNATI OH 45211			County HAMILTON
Building Approval Date 09/01/1999	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit 197	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 09/10/2024	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information				
Inspection Type Annual		Inspection Scope Full		Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/16/2025		Begin Time 8:15 AM		End Time 12:45 PM
Reviewer: Beverly McGlasson				
Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 8	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 0	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)		2	0	2
Young Toddler		6	0	6
Total Under 2 ½ Years	17	8	0	8
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		10	2	12
School Age		0	31	31
Total Capacity/Enrollment	196	12	33	53

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

Infant-Toddler	0 to < 12 months	2 to 10	
Infant-Toddler	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 3	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 4	
School Age Before & After School	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 2	
School Age Before & After School	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 13	Taken while children were loading on the bus to go to school.

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

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection

Code: The program is required to obtain a fire inspection within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not been inspected by the local fire department or local fire safety inspector and secured documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, as required. The program had requested the new inspection at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the previous fire inspection. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes an updated fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/18/2025

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Code: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) 4 and 5 below:

1. There was no method in place;
2. The method did not include each child's name;
3. The method did not include each child's date of birth;
4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times;
5. The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/18/2025

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment

Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended as noted in number(s) 3, 5 and 10 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks in the climber.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering and broken wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards.
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint on the wood benches.
11. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
12. Outdoor equipment, [], was not developmentally appropriate.
13. Outdoor equipment, [], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
14. Outdoor play equipment, [], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
15. Outdoor equipment, [], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
16. Outdoor equipment, [], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.
17. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [].
18. Functionally linked equipment was used by preschool-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 12 inches.
19. Functionally linked equipment was used by school-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 18 inches.
20. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/18/2025

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an outdoor play area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or being used inappropriately as noted in number 3 below:

1. The fencing had missing slat boards.
2. The fencing was broken.
3. The fencing was loose.
4. The fencing was rotting.
5. The gate was broken and did not close.
6. The gate was locked.
7. The latch on the gate was broken.
8. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.
9. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.
10. The gate had no latch.
11. There were bolts with more than two threads exposed along a fence line or gate on a playground.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/18/2025

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements

Code: The program is required to complete and document weekly inspections of vehicles used to transport children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not performed and/or documented weekly inspections of vehicles used for transporting children. The weekly inspection needs to include the following:

1. A visual inspection of the tires for wear and tire pressure
2. A visual inspection of headlights, taillights, signals, mirrors, wiper blades, and dash gauges
3. An inspection for properly functioning child and driver restraints
4. An inspection for properly functioning doors and windows
5. An inspection for, and cleaning of, debris from inside the vehicle

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the documented weekly inspection of vehicles, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/18/2025

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements

Code: The program is required to have children and staff practice and document safely exiting vehicles during an emergency.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not conducted and/or documented monthly emergency exiting drills on vehicles with children, including the date of the drill and all staff who transport children. 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: 10/18/2025

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(s) 2 and 3 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: 10/18/2025

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(s) 4, and 16 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: There were no more update signature boxes left, a new form is needed.

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 []

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

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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: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-10 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
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
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All cribs were labeled with the assigned infant's name.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



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