



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 M. PATTERSON'S TENDER STEPS KIDS ACADEMY, LLC	Program Number 000000207699	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1545 COMPTON RD MT. HEALTHY OH 45231		County HAMILTON	
Building Approval Date 08/17/2009	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 49	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 02/22/2019	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/18/2023	Begin Time 9:50 AM	End Time 1:16 PM
Reviewer: ZIBUTE OSGOOD		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 15	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 20

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)		1	0	1
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years	12	1	0	1
Older Toddler		1	0	1
Preschool		3	0	3
School Age		5	0	5
Total Capacity/Enrollment	39	9	0	10

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



Infant/Toddlers/Preschool combined	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	Infant, under 12 months of age, one toddler, over 30 months of age, three preschool children Observed at arrival & lunch
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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: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection
Code: The program is required to have all spaces used for child care inspected by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office prior to serving children. The program is required to obtain a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection. If violations are noted during the inspection, the program is required to have all violations corrected and have the program re-inspected to obtain a completed fire form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for fire inspection as noted in number 1 below:



1. The program did not have documentation on file for a fire inspection from the date of the last fire inspection and the request for the new inspection was not made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the previous fire inspection.
2. The documentation for the most recent fire inspection contained violations that had not been corrected.
3. The [] space was being used and had not been approved by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office for child care.

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: 06/17/2023

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 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 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.

It was stated, by the administrator, that there were two school age children in attendance for before school care. The two school age children were not signed in at arrival nor signed out when they left for school. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2023



Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

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

Code: The program is required to provide a clean and healthy environment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following unsanitary conditions were at the program:

- The walls on the second floor were dirty.
- The changing pad on the first floor was torn, preventing appropriate sanitation.
- Floor tiles on the second floor had chipping corners, preventing appropriate sanitation.

A clean and healthy environment, including furniture, materials and equipment must be provided, and the program shall be cleaned daily. 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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one child in the [] group did not wash his or her hands at the time listed in number 3 below, as required in rule.

1. Upon arrival.
2. Prior to departure.
3. After toileting/diaper change.
4. After contact with bodily fluids.
5. After returning from outdoor play.
6. After handling pets, pet cages, or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet, before moving on to another activity.
7. Before eating or assisting with food preparation.
8. After water activities.
9. When visibly soiled (must use soap and water)
10. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2023



Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

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

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

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that cots were not cleaned, as required. Cots, pads, and mats need to be cleaned with soap and water and sanitized prior to reassignment, when used by a sick child, when soiled, and at least every three months. 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: 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: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from the following item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in numbers 3, 7 (in the downstairs classroom), below:

1. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
2. Telephone cords.
3. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
4. Stacked chairs.
5. Employee(s) purse(s).
6. Diaper bags.
7. Television not securely anchored.
8. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
9. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
10. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
11. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [].
12. Pieces of plaster was observed on and beside the carpeted stairs on the second floor, room to the far left.
13. Plastic diaper storage bags were stored within the reach of the children, under the changing table in the downstairs classroom.

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: 06/17/2023

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: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined that at least one area of the program or at least one piece of equipment had chipping or peeling paint. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2023

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Code: The program is required to post and implement the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan" when necessary.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the requirements for the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan for Child Care" were not followed as noted in number 1, 4 below:

1. The plan was not posted in each classroom.
2. The plan was not posted in other spaces used by children.
3. The name, address and telephone number of the program were not complete.
4. The location of first aid kit, fire extinguishers and fire alarm system, fire alarm pull stations and electrical circuit box were not complete.
5. The telephone number for emergency squad, fire department, hospital, poison control program, public children services agency, local health department, local emergency management agency, and police department were not complete.
6. Location of children's records was not complete.
7. Emergency information including any medications or supplies needed in the event of an evacuation was not complete.
8. The current version of the prescribed form was not used.
9. The plan was not implemented when necessary in that [].



The location of the first aid kit on the second floor was inaccurate. The plan was not posted in the room to the right on the second floor. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2023

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Code: The program is required to post the fire and weather plans.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following information was not posted for item numbers 1, 3 below:

1. Fire alert plan, including a diagram indicating evacuation routes.
2. Weather alert plan was missing details for [].
3. Weather alert plan was missing a diagram indicating evacuation routes.

The evacuation diagram was not posted in the upstairs middle room and in the main classroom on the first floor. The plan posted in the room to the right and the room to the left were missing the weather diagram. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2023

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Code: The program is required to conduct and document quarterly inspections of their outdoor play space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that documentation of the quarterly inspections of one or more outdoor play area(s) and equipment, using the JFS 01281 "Child Care Playground Inspection Report" form, could not be located. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2023



Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Code: The program is required to have the appropriate number of first aid kits for the program.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the first aid supplies were not stored according to the requirements listed in item number 1 below:

1. Stored in a clearly marked container, on the second floor.
2. Stored in an unlocked container.
3. Stored out of the reach of children.
4. In each building.
5. On each floor.
- 6 For every 75 children in attendance.

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

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures

Code: The program is required to have parents update routine trip forms annually.

Finding: In review of the program's records, it was determined that permission forms for routine trips were not being updated annually, as required. 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: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures

Code: The program is required to obtain written parental permission before leaving the premises.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written parental permission was not secured for a routine trips off the premises or out of the areas approved for child care, as required. 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 is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number 2 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated.

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 Diapering and Toilet Training

Code: The program is required to launder diapers according to manufacturer's guidelines.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program was not storing or laundering soiled diapers or clothing according to the rule, in that the program did not meet the condition indicated in number 6 below.

1. Store for no longer than one day
2. Store in an individual covered container or plastic bag away from children's belongings
3. Kept out of reach of children
4. Store soiled diapers and diapering washcloths laundered by the center in a covered container with sanitizing solution
5. Hold soiled diapers to be commercially laundered for no more than seven days



6. Store soiled disposable diapers in a plastic-lined covered container not easily accessible to children
7. Discard disposable diapers daily or more frequently as needed to eliminate odor
8. Launder diapers according to manufacturer's guidelines
9. Other []

The lid to the diaper pail was left open. 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 an infant were not labeled with the 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: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care

Code: The program is required to provide a daily written record for each infant in care to the parents when picking up the infant each day.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that there was no daily written record for each infant provided to the parent or person picking up the infant on a daily basis. 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: 5101:2-12-10 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 4, 5, 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: 06/17/2023

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 numbers 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 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: 5101:2-12-15 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 6 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: 06/17/2023

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 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 2 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: 06/17/2023

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding maintaining current information in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System were discussed.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding compliance inspections were discussed. The administrator was on-site during the follow-up inspection.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: DCOU-CQKJNE, exp. 03/01/2024.
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
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: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding separation of children under two and one half years of age were discussed. During the inspection there were five children on the premises and all age groups were combined.
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
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: 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 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding management of communicable diseases were discussed.
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" form was reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	