



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 | | | |
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| Program Name Kids Connection Child Care and Preschool | Program Number 000000300367 | Program Type Child Care Center | |
| Address 23805 SPRAGUE RD COLUMBIA STATIO OH 44028 | | County LORAIN | |
| Building Approval Date | Use Group/Code | Occupancy Limit 100 | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date 02/10/2026 | Food Service Risk Level Level III | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type Annual | Inspection Scope Full | Inspection Notice Unannounced |
| Inspection Date 02/26/2026 | Begin Time 11:15 AM | End Time 3:30 PM |
| Reviewer: MATTHEW PIGNATO | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified 58 | No. Rules with Non-compliances 11 | No. Serious Risk 0 | No. Moderate Risk 0 | No. Low Risk 12 |

| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
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| Age Group | License Capacity | Enrollment | | |
| | Totals | Full Time | Part Time | Total |
| Infant (Birth to < 18 m) | | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| Young Toddler | | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Total Under 2 ½ Years | 24 | 11 | 11 | 22 |
| Older Toddler | | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Preschool | | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| School Age | | 0 | 36 | 36 |
| Total Capacity/Enrollment | 68 | 30 | 36 | 88 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| Group | Age Group/Range | Ratio Observed | Comment |
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| School Age | School-Age to < 11 years | 1 to 4 | 3:00 pm |
| Infant | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 6 | 11:30 am |
| Infant | 0 to < 12 months | 1 to 4 | 3 pm |
| Toddler | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 12 | 11:30 am |
| Toddler | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 12 | 3 pm |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 2 to 19 | 11:30 am |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 2 to 15 | 3 pm |

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: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping

Code: The program is required to provide enough cots or mats for each child in attendance to be assigned their individual cot/mat. Cots and mats must be firm, resilient, and in good condition.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that cots or mats did not meet the requirements as noted in number 1 below:

1. The program did not have enough individually assigned cots and/or mats for each child.
2. A child was sleeping [on the floor, at the table, on a bean bag chair, on a couch or chair].
3. Frames were bent/broken.
4. Covers were torn.
5. Cots were missing bolts.
6. Cots were sagging.
7. Legs on the cots were broken.
8. Cots did not stand at least 3 inches but no more than 18 inches off the floor.
9. Cots were not at least 36 inches in length and as long as the child is tall.
10. Mats were not at least 1 inch thick and as wide and long as the child assigned.
11. 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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

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

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as listed in number 5 below, as required in rule.

1. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands upon arrival for the day.
2. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands prior to departure.
3. At least one staff did not wash their hands upon entry into a classroom.
4. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
5. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after each diaper change or pull-up change.
6. At least one staff did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.

7. At least one child did not wash their hands after contact with bodily fluids.
8. At least one child did not wash their hands after returning inside after outdoor play.
9. At least one staff did not wash their hands after cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
10. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands after handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
11. At least one staff did not wash their hands before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
12. At least one child did not wash their hands before eating or assisting with food preparation.
13. At least one staff did not wash their hands before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
14. At least one child did not wash their hands after water activities.
15. At least one staff/child did not wash their hands when visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
16. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/28/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 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, 3 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.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 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 a breast milk and formula mixture for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and 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: 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: 03/28/2026

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/28/2026

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 number 2, 3, 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/28/2026

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: 03/28/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to store medical foods and topical products out of the reach of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medical food or topical product, diaper cream, was within the reach of children in the toddler room. 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 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 4, 5, 6, 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 Form Child Care as indicated in numbers 1, 2 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: 03/28/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans

Code: The program is required to maintain a complete JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file for any child having a health condition.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined that the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number 1 below:

1. The JFS 01236 had not been updated as needed and at least annually.
2. A separate JFS 01236 had not been used for each condition.

3. The program used an old version of the JFS 01236.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/28/2026

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-02 License Posted | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |
| 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 2/10/27. |

| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements. |
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| 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: HMLN-DRFLHC; Expiration Date: 3-1-27 |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-07 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 |
| 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years | Compliant | |
| 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 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed. Child Care Staff Members were viewed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and departure. All attendance records met the requirements of the rule and were kept with the group at all times. |
| 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: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance. |
| 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |

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| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Compliant | |
| 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 |
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | |