Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/ . This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name THINKING CAP CHILD CARE LLC	Program Number 000000300808	Program Type FCC - Type A Home
Address 8206 WADE PARK AVE CLEVELAND OH 44103		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/22/2026	Begin Time 5:30 PM	End Time 7:15 PM	Reviewer: Renee Darling

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 18	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 16		No. Requirements Compliant 1
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 16	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

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
Young Toddler		2	0	2
Total Under 2 Years	6	2	0	2
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		1	0	1
School Age		7	0	7
Total Capacity/Enrollment	14	8	0	10

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

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, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to protect children from any items and conditions which 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 the program did not protect children from an unsafe item, condition or equipment.

The following was observed: Upon entering the home, it was observed that renovation and flooring repair was underway. The flooring project appeared to be incomplete, open floor vents were observed without protective vent covers, creating potential safety hazards. Various tools, equipment, and materials associated with the renovation were present on the floor and throughout the home. Theses items included a dolly, a shovel and other construction-related tools and machinery. Additionally, large containers of chemicals or potentially hazardous substance were observed in the residence. In another room, children's daycare toys, play materials, and other child care supplies were stacked on top of one another. The quantity and arrangement of these items significantly obstructed access to the room and prevented normal use of the space. Also it was blocking one of the emergency exits in the home.

Any hazardous equipment must be removed, replaced, or repaired and any hazardous condition must be corrected and must be made inaccessible to children. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the item or condition has been removed, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to respond to all non-compliances by the date noted in the inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 05/29/2026. The rule requires the program complete and submit a corrective action plan in the Ohio statewide licensing system to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-13-18 Attendance

Requirement: The program is required to have a tracking method for children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking the children in the group did not meet the requirements in rule.

The following was observed: No tracking method

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment

Requirement: The program is required to clean daily.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the environment, furniture, materials, and/or equipment were not kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

The following was observed: The house was not clean due to the home renovation taking place in the home.

The home shall be cleaned daily. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Requirement: The program is required to post the fire and weather alert plan with a diagram.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the posted weather and fire alert plan did not meet the requirements in rule.

The following was observed: The weather and fire plan were not posted in each space used by the children.

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that emergency phone numbers were not posted, readily in view in spaces used by the children.

The following was observed: Emergency phone numbers were not posted in spaces used by the children.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-17 Programming

Requirement: The program is required to have a daily schedule posted in a visible place.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the daily schedule was not posted/in a visible place in the program. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide equipment appropriate for the children in the program in sufficient quantities that all children can be actively involved. Play materials must be accessible to the children and arranged in an orderly manner.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that equipment, materials and furnishings provided for indoor and outdoor play did not meet the requirement of the rule.

The following was observed: Play materials were not readily accessible to the children.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide a designated storage area for children's personal belongings.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the provider did not have designated storage areas for children's personal belongings, in that no area was in place at the home. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases

Requirement: The program is required to post the Ohio Communicable Disease Chart in a noticeable area.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the DCY 08087 “Communicable Disease Chart” was not posted as required.

The following was observed: The Communicable Disease Chart was not posted.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks

Requirement: The program is required to post the current menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement .

The following was observe: The menu was not posted.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Domain: **06 Program Information**

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips

Requirement: The program is required to obtain written parental permission before leaving the premises and retain the forms for at least one year from the date of the trip. Routine trip permission forms must be updated annually.

Finding: In review of the program's records, it was determined that requirements for written permission from the parent/guardian for a field trip or routine trip were not met.

The following was observed: Written permission was not secured for routine trip off the premises.

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

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities

Requirement: The provider is required to reside at the licensed location, not have additional activities or employment during the program's operating hours, be on-site at the program for at least 75 percent of the program's operating hours, and have hours of availability posted in a noticeable place.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the provider was not meeting the following requirements The provider was not on-site for 75 percent of the program's operating hours as required by this rule.

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-10 Health Training

Requirement: Child care staff members and substitute child care staff members are required to complete health trainings within the first ninety days of hire and prior to being left alone with children.

Finding: In review of records, it was determined the CCSM or Substitute CCSM did not meet health training requirements.

The following was observed: Communicable Disease training was not completed within ninety days of hire.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Child Enrollment Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care" or equivalent on file on the premises for each child.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" or equivalent as required.

The following was observed as missing: Complete parent information, health information, parent/guardian's signature.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/29/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Child Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have an immunization record on file for each child.

Finding: In review of of the children's records, it was determined that immunization records were not on file, as required.

The following was observed: Immunization record were not on file at the program within thirty days of the child's first day of attendance.

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

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Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was determined the provider's license was not in a location visible to parents, as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Immunization	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-13-02 Information in Ohio statewide licensing system	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Building Inspections for Type A Homes	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Building Requirements for Type B Homes	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-05 Denial, Revocation, and Suspension	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was determined that documentation was not on file at the program to meet the requirements of this rule for the employee(s) and/or child care staff members, as noted on the Employee Record Chart. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify

compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Written Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Handwashing	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Pets	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Cots & Napping - Practices	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-25 Medication Administration Practices	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure - No Notification	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Cots & Napping - Equipment & Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib & Playpen - Placement	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-25 Medication Documentation	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-25 Medication Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Review Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	