



## 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 Little Learners	Program Number 2170016316	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1421 Demorest Road Columbus OH 43228		County FRANKLIN	
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 10/13/2022	Food Service Risk Level		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/07/2023	Begin Time 10:40 AM	End Time 1:15 PM
Reviewer: STEPHANIE WALTERS		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 12	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 4	No. Low Risk 8

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)		8	0	8
Young Toddler		2	0	2
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	10	10	0	10
Older Toddler		3	0	3
Preschool		13	0	13
School Age		2	7	9
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	27	18	7	35

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



Infant/Toddlers	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	At arrival
Infant/Toddlers	0 to < 12 months	1 to 7	
Infant/Toddlers	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	
Preschool/School age	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	At arrival
Preschool/School age	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 10	
Preschool/School age	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11	

**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: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio  
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Finding: During the inspection, required staff/child ratios were not maintained for different groups on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined for the Infant/Toddler group was 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 7 children (Inf-PS). Additionally, a ratio of 1 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 10 children (OT to SA) was determined for the Preschool/School Age group.

Additional staff members must be hired or current Child Care Staff Members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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: 10/07/2023

**Domain: 06 Program Information**

Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements

Code: The program is required to use the correct vehicle type as specified in rule. The program is also required to have all vehicles used to transport children inspected by an ASE certified mechanic, FMCSA inspector or the State Highway patrol annually, and correct all repairs that are listed on the vehicle inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program used a vehicle to transport children that was not approved and/or did not have a current annual vehicle inspection indicating the vehicle was mechanically safe as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. The program used a converted cargo van or passenger vans designed to carry ten or more passengers. The program must cease the use of this vehicle immediately.
2. The vehicle was not inspected.
3. The vehicle was inspected by someone other than an ASE certified mechanic, federal motor carrier safety administration (FMCSA) safety inspector or the Ohio State Highway Patrol.
4. The vehicle inspection was not updated annually.
5. The vehicle inspection completed from the Ohio Highway Patrol did not meet the rule requirement.
6. The annual safety check of the vehicle(s) used by the program to transport children noted repairs or corrections that had not been completed and/or documented. The safety violations need to be corrected immediately.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes either discontinuing the use of the vehicle, documentation for any new vehicle now being used to transport children, or a copy of the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report for Child Care Centers", to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment in number(s) 6 below had been used for sleeping infants and did not allow the infant to sleep on a firm mattress:

1. Mesh cribs;
2. Play pens;



3. Bassinets;
4. Cots;
5. Car seats;
6. Infant swing;
7. The floor;
8. Infant seats;
9. An infant placed in a car seat in a crib;
10. Other [ ].

Infants must be provided with a crib, which meets requirements specified in this rule, for resting and sleeping. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that staff training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.
2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.
3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.
4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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### 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(s) 2, 4 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; PS/SA
4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times; PS/SA
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.

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#### Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size

Code: The program may combine all age groups when there are twelve or fewer children in the center.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined groups which included children less than two and one half years were combined with groups of children two and one half years and older and there were more than 12 children in the center. 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: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision



Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately including responding to the child's basic needs and protecting them from harm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not being properly supervised as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during indoor play.
2. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during outdoor play.
3. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member more than once.
4. Staff were not physically present in the space and near enough to respond and reach the child(ren) immediately.
5. Other: [ ].

Children must be supervised according to rule and within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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.

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### **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: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.
2. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
3. Toys or other items small enough to be swallowed were present in the space where infants and/or toddlers were in care.
4. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs. PS/SA
6. Employee(s) purse(s).
7. Diaper bags.
8. Television not securely anchored.
9. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
10. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
11. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
12. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
13. A floor surface that was unsafe in that [ ].
14. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom.



15. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom was not sturdy.
16. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [ ] classroom posed a safety hazard in that [ ].
17. Telephone cords.
18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [ ].
20. A mercury thermometer was being used to take a child's temperature.
21. Methods of ventilation used did not provide protection from rodents, insects, or other hazards.
22. Other [ ].

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.

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**Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 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) 6 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points. The playhouse on the playground had a broken play spout which had sharp edges.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards.
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint.
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.

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**Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones

Code: The program is required to provide fall zones around equipment to prevent injury if a child were to fall.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the fall zone under and around equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 1, 6 below:

1. The fall surface material had not been properly distributed or raked as needed to retain proper depth under and around equipment.
2. A fall zone hazard was present, in that, the [ ] posed a risk of injury if a child were to fall from a piece of equipment.
3. The fall zone was less than 3 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
4. The fall zone was less than 6 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
5. There was not a fall zone of 3 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
6. There was not a fall zone of 6 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
7. The fall zone was less than 4 1/2 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
8. The fall zone was less than 9 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
9. Other [ ].

The program is required to provide adequate fall zones under and around outdoor play equipment at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 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 number(s) 1, 2, 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.

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**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans

Code: The program is required to ensure that there is at least one child care staff member who has signed the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" caring for the child at all times when a child with a health condition is present.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined a child with a condition that required a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" had been present and the program did not ensure there was at least one child care staff member caring for the child at all times who had signed the JFS 01236 on the child's condition. 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.

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**Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified**

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-10 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.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 7/3/23.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>



5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The driver(s) had completed the required ODJFS driver training.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the records were complete, as required by the rule.
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: In review of 25% of the records, at the time of the inspection, children's medical statements were complete and on file, as required by the rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Annual training of the written disaster plan was completed by staff.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	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
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Infants were fed in conformity with parent/guardian's written, dated instructions.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.