



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 Stepping Stones Cincinnati learning center	Program Number 2190019279	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 756 Ohio Pike Cincinnati OH 45245		County CLERMONT	
Building Approval Date 02/26/2018	Use Group/Code E with I-2	Occupancy Limit 171	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 01/09/2019	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/04/2023	Begin Time 8:30 AM	End Time 11:40 AM
Reviewer: BRIAN CHASTAIN		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 13	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 13

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)		5	0	5
Young Toddler		10	0	10
Total Under 2 ½ Years	69	15	0	15
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		25	0	25
School Age		19	0	19
Total Capacity/Enrollment	139	46	0	61

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



Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	
Toddlers combined	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 9	
Toddlers combined	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 11	
Preschool 2	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9	Preschool combined
Preschool 2	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 14	

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: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

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

Code: The program is required to provide adequate fall surface for the outdoor play space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the playground did not have adequate fall surface under and around equipment as noted in number 1 below:

1. No fall surface (for equipment added outside of the mulch area)
2. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall
3. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall that extended the length of the required fall zone
4. Other []



With any equipment designed for climbing, swinging, bouncing, or sliding, resilient material, as specified in Appendix A, needs to be added in order to protect children in the event of a fall. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes written verification of the discontinued use of this equipment until corrections are made along with a description of the resilient material added, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

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

Code: The program is required to have staff update their background checks every five years as required.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks were not updated every five years for the individual(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in numbers 1, 3 below:

1. Owner representative
2. Administrator
3. Child care staff member, employee

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5101:2-12-02 Current Information

Code: The rule requires the program to keep their information current in OCLQS.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the information in number 4 below was not up to date in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS):

1. Mailing address
2. Telephone number



3. Email address
4. Days and hours of operation
5. Services offered
6. Name of program
7. Private pay rates

Technical assistance was provided, and as discussed, log on to OCLQS and update the information, as required.

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 8 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 (Preschool 2 and gross motor room).
9. The plan was not implemented when necessary in that [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

Domain: 05 Health & Safety



Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease

Code: The program is required to post the JFS 08087 "Ohio Communicable Disease Chart".

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the JFS 08087 Ohio Communicable Disease Chart was not posted as required, as indicated in number 3 below:

1. The chart was not posted.
2. In a location readily available to program staff and parents.
3. The posted chart was not the current version, and the Child Care Manual Procedural Letter No. 159 was not attached.
4. The posted chart was not displayed in the size available in the ODJFS forms central to be easily read.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills

Code: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the required drills were not completed for item number 2 below:

1. Monthly fire drills.
2. Monthly weather emergency drills, required March through September (none documented for April).
3. Emergency/lockdown drills in each quarter of the calendar year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to obtain written permission from parents of children who are over 12 months old and will use a cot/mat instead of a crib.



Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an infant who was 12 months or older was assigned to a cot without written permission from the parent, as required by this rule. 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 2, 3, 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: 06/04/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Code: The program staff medicals are required to include all information.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for those employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not include the required information listed below in number 4.

1. Date of examination;



2. Signature, business address, and telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination;
3. A statement that verifies that 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);
4. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test
 - 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 4a;
 - 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: 06/04/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Code: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number 3, 5 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.
2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.
3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.
4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.
5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.
6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.
7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.
8. Other: []



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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications

Code: The program administrator is required to complete the rules course review within the defined time period.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the administrator had not completed the required rules review course provided by this Department for program administrators within the time period defined in this rule. 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: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Code: The program staff medicals are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined a completed medical examination statement for the employee listed on the Employee Record Chart was not on file, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

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 6, 13 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 (program name)
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: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Code: The program is required to provide appendix C to all parents of the children enrolled.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that parent(s) of the children enrolled in the program were not provided with a copy of Appendix C of the current rule. 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: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Code: The program's policies and procedures are required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written policies and procedures provided to the parents/guardians and employees was missing item numbers 15, 20 below:

General Information

1. Program name, address, email address and telephone number.
2. Description of the program's program philosophy.
3. Days and hours of operation, scheduled closings and basic daily schedule.
4. Staff/child ratios and group size.
5. Opportunities for parent involvement in program activities.
6. Opportunities for parents to meet with teachers regarding their child.
7. Payment schedule, overtime charges and registration fees as applicable.
8. Supports for onsite breastfeeding or pumping for mothers who wish to do so (if the program serves infants or toddlers).

Program Policies and Procedures

9. Enrollment including required enrollment information.
10. Care of children without immunizations.
11. Attendance including procedures for arrival and departure, the program's absent day policy, releasing child to persons other than the parent, releasing a child according to a custody agreement and follow up when a child scheduled to arrive from another program or activity does not arrive.
12. Supervision of children, including a separate supervision policy for school-age children, if applicable.
13. Child guidance.
14. Suspension and expulsion.
15. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including administering medication to children with disabilities and administering care procedures to children with disabilities.
16. Outdoor play, including limitations placed on outdoor play due to weather or safety issues (considerations may include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, wind chill, ozone levels, pollen count, lightning, rain or ice.)
17. Food and dietary policy, including, information regarding meeting one-third of the child's recommended daily dietary allowance, policy regarding formula, breast milk, meals and snacks, and a policy on providing supplemental food.
18. Management of illness including isolation precautions, symptoms for discharge and return and notification of parent of ill child.
19. Summary of procedures taken in the event of an emergency, serious illness or injury.
20. Administration of medication and topical products including medical foods.
21. Transportation for fieldtrips, routine trips (if applicable) and emergencies, including if the center will provide child care services to children whose parents refuse to grant consent for transportation to the source of emergency treatment.
22. Water activities/swimming.
23. Infant care, if applicable, including feeding, frequency of diaper checks and information about daily activities.
24. Sleeping, Napping and Resting.
25. Evening and overnight care, if applicable.
26. Policy on hours of operation including closing due to weather, school delays or closings and any other factors.



- 27. Situations that may require disenrollment of a child, if applicable.
- 28. Problem or issue resolution for parents or employees to follow when needing assistance in resolving problems related to the child care program.
- 29. Formal screenings and assessments on enrolled children and if the program reports child level data to ODJFS pursuant to 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code.

Revise the program’s written policies and procedures to include the missing information. Submit the program’s corrective action plan, which includes the revised written policies and procedures, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/04/2023

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.
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 1/4/23.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff and children were observed washing hands as required by the rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A notice was observed posted stating that smoking is prohibited at the program.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 Incident/Injury Report For Child Care forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the toddler group(s).



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Supervision	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
5101:2-12-22 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
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate daily written records for all infants were viewed.
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
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant room.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.