



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 Character Academy Early Learning Center	Program Number 2190020864	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 9718 Buckeye Road Unit 5 Cleveland OH 44104		County CUYAHOGA	
Building Approval Date 04/17/2012	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 65	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 03/01/2023	Food Service Risk Level Level II		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/10/2023	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 1:00 PM
Reviewer: LAKESHA ALLEN		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 57	No. Rules with Non-compliances 10	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 7

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)		6	0	6
Young Toddler		10	0	10
Total Under 2 ½ Years	16	16	0	16
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		8	0	8
School Age		0	14	14
Total Capacity/Enrollment	65	8	14	38

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



Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 8	Programming at arrival- Infant groups combined
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	Programming- Lunch
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	Programming at arrival- toddlers and PS combined- Playground
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Programming- lunch
PS	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 4	Lunch- Programming

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, a ratio of 1 child care staff member(s) for 8 children was determined to have occurred for the infant group when the situation in number(s) 15 below occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.



2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.
3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.
4. A child care staff member was unable to work.
5. A child was injured in that group.
6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.
7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.
9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.
10. Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.
11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.
12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.
13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.
14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.
15. Other; An employee quit and walked out leaving the group out of ratio.

Additional child care 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: 06/10/2023

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.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks were not requested for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 1,2 below:

1. Submitting the request for a background check for child care in the OPR.
2. Submitting fingerprints electronically according to the process established by BCI.

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: 06/10/2023



Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Code: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. There was no method in place;
2. The method did not include each child's name;
3. The method did not include each child's date of birth;
4. The tracking method did not remain with the group at all times;
5. The tracking method was not updated throughout the day as children entered or left the group.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/10/2023

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

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

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

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the requirements for the JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan for Child Care" were not followed as noted in number(s) 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.
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: 06/10/2023

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(s) 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: 06/10/2023

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(s) 1,2 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: 06/10/2023

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications

Code: The program administrator is required to complete the rules course reiew 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 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program or in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education was not on file nor verified in the Ohio Professional Registry for Child Care Staff Member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the verification of a high school education, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/10/2023



Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in number(s) 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: 06/10/2023



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program was operating in compliance with the current building approval(s).
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 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 3/1/24.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 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.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: ASNR-CPXPMH 3-1-24.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete.
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 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	
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 quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 5-10-2023.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
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
5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, verified and dated 3-23-23.
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
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
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding the written disaster plan were discussed.
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	
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
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding infant daily care were discussed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, there was discussion concerning diapering routines. Child-care staff indicated diapers were changed at appropriate intervals throughout the day.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Verified	
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.