

Family Child Care 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://ifs.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 Childcare	Program Number 2200022137	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 3880 Strandhill road Cleveland OH 44128		County CUYAHOGA

Inspection Information				
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced		
Inspection Date 12/17/2025	Begin Time 5:15 PM	End Time 7:15 PM		
Reviewer: Renee Darling				
Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 66	No. Rules with Non-compliances 4	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 0	No. Low Risk 4

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)		1	0		1
Young Toddler		0	0		0
Total Under 2 Years	3	1	0		1
Older Toddler		0	0		0
Preschool		2	0		2
School Age		3	0		3
Total Capacity/Enrollment	6	5	0		6

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

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-13-18 Attendance

Code: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the program for a period of one year.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number 6 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.
2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.
3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.
4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.
5. The record did not include the assigned group.
6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.
7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.
8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/17/2026

Domain: 06 Program Information

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

Code: 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.

Findings: 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 as listed in number 4 below:

1. Written parental permission was not secured for field trips and/or routine trips off the premises.
2. The written permission was missing the child's name.
3. The written permission was missing the date(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
4. The written permission was missing the destination(s) of the trip(s).
5. The written permission was missing the departure and return time(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
6. The written permission was missing the signature of the parent.
7. The written permission was missing the date on which the permission was signed.
8. The written permission was missing a statement notifying parents how their child will be transported.
9. Permission forms for routine trips were not being updated annually.
10. Written parental permission forms for field trips and/or routine trips were not being maintained on file for at least one year from the date of the trip.
11. Other: [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/17/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-10 Health Training

Code: The program is required to meet the health training requirements.

Findings: In review of records, it was determined the provider did not have current valid documentation for training(s) listed in number 14 below:

1. First Aid - expired training
2. First Aid - did not have verification of the completion of First Aid training
3. First Aid - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
4. CPR - expired training
5. CPR - had not taken CPR training
6. CPR - did not have verification of the completion of CPR training
7. CPR - training taken did not include all age groups and developmental levels of all children in care
8. CPR - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
9. CPR- audiovisual or electronic media training taken did not include an in-person component of the training
10. Communicable Disease - expired training
11. Communicable Disease - had not taken CD training
12. Communicable Disease - did not have verification of the completion of CD training
13. Communicable Disease - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule
14. Child Abuse - expired training
15. Child Abuse - had not taken Child Abuse training
16. Child Abuse - documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/23/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

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

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

Findings: In review 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 number 4, 8 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 []

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/17/2026

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Building Requirements for Type B Homes	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes	Compliant	
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
5180:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	
5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	
5180:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Compliant	
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	
5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	



5180:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Pets	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Toothbrushing	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	
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
5180:2-13-17 Programming	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	
5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	
5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	
5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule 5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-23 Diapering	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable