



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 Stars Learning Place LLC	Program Number 2200022153		Program Type FCC - Type A Home
Address 342 Garfield			
Lima OH 45805			
<i>Building and Fire Approvals apply to Type A Family Child Care Homes only</i>			
Building Approval Date 06/17/2020	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit 12	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 11/19/2024			

Inspection Information					
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full		Inspection Notice Unannounced		
Inspection Date 10/27/2025	Begin Time 6:45 PM		End Time 8:15 PM		
Reviewer: Riley Smith					
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)		0	0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0	0
Total Under 2 Years	6	0	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	1	1	1
Preschool		0	1	1	1
School Age		0	4	4	4
Total Capacity/Enrollment	12	0	6	6	6

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment
Mixed Age Group		1 to 6	



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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 5180:2-12-03 and 5180:2-13-03 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: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to store cleaning and sanitizing supplies in a place that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and chemical substances must be stored in their original container or clearly labeled. School-age children may use cleaning supplies and equipment with adult supervision.

Findings: During the inspection, cleaning and sanitizing equipment and supplies were not used or stored properly as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children in the [] area.
2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children in the play area.
3. Fish food was accessible to children in the [] area.
4. Hand lotion was accessible to children in the [] area.
5. Hand sanitizer (for children under 24 months) was accessible to children in the [] area.
6. Laundry detergent was accessible to children in the [] area.
7. Powder dish washing soap was accessible to children in the [] area.
8. Paint cans were accessible to children in the [] area.
9. White out was accessible to children in the [] area.
10. Potting Soil was accessible to children in the [] area.
11. Other potentially hazardous substance [] was accessible to children in the [] area.
12. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies had not been clearly labeled.
13. School-age children were using cleaning supplies, agents and/or equipment without adult supervision.
14. A spray aerosol was used in the [] group while children were in attendance.
15. Other: [].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance is no longer accessible to children and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/27/2025

Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space

Code: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that an outdoor play area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or being used inappropriately as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. The fencing had missing slat boards.
2. The fencing was broken.
3. The fencing was loose.
4. The fencing was rotting.
5. The gate was broken and did not close.
6. The gate was locked.
7. The latch on the gate was broken.
8. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.
9. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.
10. The gate had no latch.

11. There were bolts with more than two threads exposed along a fence line or gate on a playground.
12. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/27/2025

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 CCSM or Substitute CCSM was left alone with children and did not have current valid documentation for training(s) listed in number(s) 12 below:

1. First Aid - expired training
2. First Aid - did not have verification of 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 the program serves 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 by staff 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 the 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: 11/27/2025

Domain: 09 Children's Files

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

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

Findings: In review 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.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5180:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	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 Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	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	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	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 Handwashing	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 Toothbrushing	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	
5180:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	
5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	
5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	
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
5180:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk	Compliant	
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	
5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	
5180:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	
5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	
5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	



5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Review Policies and Procedures	Compliant	