Center Complaint Inspection Summary 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	Program Number	Program Type			
Helping Hands Childcare and Wellness	2200023203	Child Care Center			
Center II IIc					
Address		County			
449 MIDWAY BLVD Elyria OH 44035		LORAIN			

Inspection Information							
Inspection Type				Inspection Scope		Inspection Notice	
Complaint			Partial		Unannounced		
Reviewer(s) ELAINE OBRIEN		Inspection Day E		Begin Time		End Time	
04/26/2		04/26/20	23	12:10 PM		12:30 PM	
Summary of Findings							
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-cor	mpliances	No. Serious Risk	(No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk	
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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection					
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment		
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7			
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 9			
PS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 12			



Complaint Allegations

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.

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance

Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Allegation: Caller alleged that a staff member used a prohibited guidance and management technique while managing children's behavior at the program.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used the inappropriate techniques in number(s) 1 below when managing unacceptable behavior in children:

- 1. Utilize cruel, harsh, unusual, or extreme techniques;
- 2. Utilize any form of corporal punishment;
- 3. Delegate children to manage or discipline other children;
- 4. Use physical restraints on a child;
- 5. Restrain a child by prone restraint or any means other than holding children for a short period of time, such as in a protective hug, so that the children may regain control;
- 6. Place children in a locked room or confine children in any enclosed area;
- 7. Confine children to equipment such as cribs or highchairs;
- 8. Humiliate, threaten or frighten children;
- 9. Subject children to profane language or verbal abuse;
- 10. Make derogatory or sarcastic remarks about children or their families;
- 11. Punish children for failure to eat or sleep or for toileting accidents;
- 12. Withhold any food (including snacks and treats), rest or toilet use;
- 13. Punish an entire group of children due to the unacceptable behavior of one or a few;
- 14. Isolate and restrict children from all activities for an extended period of time.

Child Care Staff Members and other employees must always use appropriate guidance and management methods with children. 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.

Risk Level: Moderate

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Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Additional 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.

Findings: During the inspection, a ratio of 1 child care staff member(s) for 9 children was determined to have occurred for the toddler group when the situation in number(s) 1 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 [].

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.

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Domain:05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting

Code: The program is required to submit notification of a serious incident in OCLQS by the next business day.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Serious Incident was not reported in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS), as required, by the program administrator or designee for an incident(s) as listed in number(s) 2 below:

- 1. An incident, injury or illness that required professional medical consultation or treatment.
- 2. An unusual or unexpected incident which jeopardizes the safety of a child, child care staff member or employee of the program.
- 3. An incident defined as a serious risk non-compliance in appendix A to rule 5101:2-12-03 of the Administrative Code.
- 4. The program did not submit the report in OCLQS by the next business day as required by rule.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the program administrator or designee has completed the Serious Incident Report in OCLQS, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

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

Code: The program's policies and procedures cannot conflict with licensing rules.

Findings: In review of the center's written policies, it was determined that information in number(s) 13 below was in conflict with 5104, of the Revised Code or Chapters 5101:2-12, 5101:2-16, or 5101:2-17 of the Administrative Code.

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. Child abuse and neglect reporting policy/procedure conflicts with the licensing rules
- 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, modified diets and whether school age children are permitted to carry their own medication and ointments.
- 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.
- 30. Other [].

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the revised policy and procedure which states that any signs or suspicions of child abuse or neglect of a child both in and out of the program must be reported to the protective child services agency. Include signed statements from all staff verifying that they have been trained on this policy/procedure and will follow the procedure. Submit these documents to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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