Department of Children & Youth

Complaint Inspection Summary Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/ . This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name Little Tikes Daycare LLC	Program Number 2210024655	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1766 Canton Rd Akron OH 44312		County SUMMIT

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/28/2026	Begin Time 8:45 AM	End Time 10:45 AM	Reviewer: AQILA BROWN

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 3	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 3		No. Requirements Compliant 0
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 1	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 1		9:15 am
Toddlers	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 4		9:30 am
Toddler 2	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 2		9:20 am
PS /PK	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 11		9:30 am

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Complaint Allegations

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, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures
Code: The program is required to have all adults and children on trips wear seat belts, or use child restraints if required by law. The program is required to have only one child in each seat belt and have all children under 12 years of age sit in the back seats of the vehicle. The program is required to have all children sitting in a seat on the vehicle with a seat belt, as opposed to standing or sitting on the floor.

Allegation: The program failed to adhere to required regulations and safety protocols when a staff member transported two children in a personal vehicle while their seat belts were not properly secured.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not follow regulations and/or safety precautions when children were transported.
The following was observed: Seat belts were not used by children. A video created by program staff during the daycare's operating hours, showed a staff person on duty driving their personal vehicle in the program's parking lot. There were two school aged children in care riding in the back seat with no seat belts on. Staff reported that the video was made in fun.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes assurance that these safety guidelines will be met when children are transported, and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/28/2026

Summary of Non-Compliances

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Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to an increased risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **06 Program Information**
Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements
Requirement: The program is required to use the correct vehicle type as specified in rule. The program is also required to have all vehicles used to transport children inspected by an ASE certified mechanic, FMCSA inspector or the State Highway patrol annually, and correct all repairs that are listed on the vehicle inspection report.
Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program used a vehicle to transport children that was not approved and/or did not have a current annual vehicle inspection indicating the vehicle was mechanically safe.
The following was observed: The vehicle was not inspected.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes either discontinuing the use of the vehicle, documentation for any new vehicle now being used to transport children, or a copy of the DCY 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report for Child Care Centers", to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/28/2026

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.
Domain: **00 License & Approvals**
Rule: 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements
Requirement: The program staff is required to provide true and accurate information.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program provided false information, in that during a complaint inspection, a staff member stated that they were not on duty at the time of the incident under investigation and that the children involved had been signed out for the day. However, upon review of attendance rosters, Kinder Connect records, and the staff member's timecard, the information provided during the interview was found to be inconsistent with the documented evidence. The rule requires the program to provide accurate and truthful information to the Department. 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: 11/28/2026