

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://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 | | | |
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| Program Name melanie stepp daycare | Program Number 2230028099 | Program Type FCC - Type A Home | |
| Address 1332 Dorchester dr. Madison OH 44057 | | County LAKE | |
| <i>Building and Fire Approvals apply to Type A Family Child Care Homes only</i> | | | |
| Building Approval Date | Use Group/Code | Occupancy Limit | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date 02/20/2023 | | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type Compliance | Inspection Scope Full | Inspection Notice Unannounced |
| Inspection Date 12/16/2025 | Begin Time 9:35 AM | End Time 11:55 AM |
| Reviewer: Christine Remington | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified 66 | No. Rules with Non-compliances 5 | No. Serious Risk 0 | No. Moderate Risk 0 | No. Low Risk 5 |

| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Age Group | License Capacity | Enrollment | | Total |
| | Totals | Full Time | Part Time | |
| Infant (Birth to < 18 m) | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Young Toddler | | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Total Under 2 Years | 6 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Older Toddler | | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Preschool | | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| School Age | | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Total Capacity/Enrollment | 12 | 8 | 0 | 12 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------|---------|
| Group | Age Group/Range | Ratio Observed | Comment |
| Mixed Age Group | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 1 | |



**Department of
Children & Youth**

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) [] below:

1. Cosmetics were accessible to children in the [] area.
2. Disinfecting wipes were accessible to children in the [] 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 Pet Medication was accessible to children in the Kitchen Refrigerator 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: 01/16/2026

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Pets

Code: The program is required to properly care for pets and prevent any threat to the safety or health of the children by the pet.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined pets at the program were not properly housed or cared for or posed a threat to the safety or health of the children as noted in number(s) 6 below:

1. The animal's cage was dirty with feces.
2. The aquarium was unclean.
3. The litter box was dirty with feces.
4. A pet posed a threat to the safety of a child in that [].
5. A pet requiring a license did not have a current license.
6. Proper inoculation records were not on file at the program for a pet requiring inoculations.
7. Children were exposed to the pet's urine and/or feces.
8. Other [].

A pet that poses a threat to the children shall not be at the program. All pets at the program must receive proper care and housing. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/16/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions

Code: The program is required to meet the requirements for first aid kits.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not have a first aid kit [onsite/ on the vehicle/ on a field trip] as required, that included all items listed in the appendix A of the rule. The kit(s) were missing the item(s) or the item(s) were not replaced after use and/or expired listed in number(s) 1, 2, 8, 9 below:

1. One roll of first-aid tape;
2. Individually wrapped sterile gauze; squares in assorted sizes;
3. Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes;
4. Tweezers;
5. Gauze rolled bandage;
6. Triangular bandage;
7. Rounded end scissors;
8. Tooth preservation system or fresh chilled liquid milk in which to transport a lost permanent tooth, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where milk is stored if a tooth preservation system is not part of the first aid kit (for programs serving school age children only);
9. A working digital thermometer;
10. Disposable non-latex gloves;
11. A working flashlight;
12. An instant cold pack that has not been activated or ice, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where the ice is stored if an instant cold pack is not part of the first aid kit;
13. Sealable leak-proof plastic bags in assorted sizes or double bagged plastic bags that can be securely tied for materials soiled with blood or bodily fluids;
14. Pocket mask or face shield, appropriate; for all ages of children in care, for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administration;
15. Soap or waterless sanitizer (field trip or transporting away from the program only);
16. Bottled water (field trip or transporting away from the program only).

Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/16/2026

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(s) 1, 4, 5, 15 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: 01/16/2026

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures

Code: The program is required to have policies and procedures for all items listed in this rule.

Findings: On the day of the inspection, the program's written policies and procedures provided to the parents/guardians and employees was missing item number(s) 3 below:

General Information

1. Name, address, email address and telephone number.
2. Description of the provider'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 activities.
6. Opportunities for parents to meet with the provider regarding their child.
7. Payment schedule, overtime charges and registration fees if applicable.

8. Programs shall have a policy in place describing supports for onsite breastfeeding or pumping for mothers who wish to do so (if the program serves infants or toddlers).

Provider 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.

14. Suspension and expulsion.

15. Ensure compliance with the Americans and Disabilities (ADA) including administering medication to children with disabilities and administering care procedures for 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 policy on providing supplemental food.

18. Management of illness including isolation precautions, symptoms for discharge and return, notification of parent of ill child and whether or not the provider will care for sick children.

19. Summary of procedures taken in the event of an emergency, serious illness or injury.

20. Administration of medication and topical products policy, medical foods, modified diets, and whether school age children are permitted to carry their own medical and ointments.

21. Transportation policy for field trips, routine walks, if applicable, and emergencies including if the provider 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, closing due to weather, school delays or closings and any other factors.

27. Use of a substitute child care staff member or child care staff member pursuant to 5101:2-13-08 of the Administrative Code for sick days, vacations or other time off.

28. Situations that may require disenrollment of a child, if applicable.

29. Problem or issue resolution for parents or employees to follow when needing assistance in resolving problems related to the family child care home.

30. Formal screenings and assessments conducted on enrolled children and if the program reports child level data to ODJFS pursuant to Chapter 5101:2-17 of the Administrative Code.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/16/2026

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 | |
| 5180:2-13-02 Type A Ownership | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-04 Building Inspections for Type A Homes | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements | Compliant | |
| 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 | |
| 5180:2-13-10 Health Training | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |

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| 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 |
| 5180:2-13-13 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 Driver Requirements | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips | 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 |
| 5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free | 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 |
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| 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 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 | Compliant | |
| 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 |
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| 5180:2-13-18 Attendance | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-19 Supervision | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | |
| 5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk | Compliant | |

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