

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 | | |
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| Program Name The Learning Ladder Childcare | Program Number 2230028293 | Program Type FCC - Type B Home |
| Address 4829 Prosperity Pl Cincinnati OH 45238 | County HAMILTON | |

| Inspection Information | | | | |
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| Inspection Type Compliance | | Inspection Scope Full | | Inspection Notice Unannounced |
| Inspection Date 11/17/2025 | | Begin Time 10:18 AM | | End Time 10:39 AM |
| Inspection Date 12/10/2025 | | Begin Time 8:57 AM | | End Time 9:53 AM |
| Inspection Date 12/11/2025 | | Begin Time 8:24 AM | | End Time 8:30 AM |
| Reviewer: Jacob Downard | | | | |
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| Summary of Findings | | | | |
| No. Rules Verified 68 | No. Rules with Non-compliances 9 | No. Serious Risk 0 | No. Moderate Risk 1 | No. Low Risk 9 |

| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
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| Age Group | License Capacity | Enrollment | | |
| | Totals | Full Time | Part Time | Total |
| Infant (Birth to < 18 m) | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Young Toddler | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 2 Years | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Older Toddler | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Preschool | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| School Age | | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Total Capacity/Enrollment | | 10 | 0 | 11 |



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| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| Group | Age Group/Range | Ratio Observed | Comment |
| 12/10/2025 | Mixed Age Group | 1 to 2 | |

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

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements

Code: The program is required to follow regulations and/or safety precautions when transporting children.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not follow regulations and/or safety precautions when children were transported as noted in number 2 below:

1. Seat belts were not used by children.
2. Child restraint systems were not used.
3. Children were riding in seats that were not securely anchored.
4. More than one child was strapped in a seat belt.
5. A child under the age of twelve years old rode in the front seat of the vehicle.
6. At least one child or adult was standing or sitting on the floor in a moving vehicle, in that [].
7. Adult(s) in the vehicle failed to wear seat belt(s).

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-04 Fire Safety for Type B Homes

Code: The program is required to maintain smoke alarms in the appropriate areas of the program building.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the Type B Home did not have a working smoke alarm in the basement and on main level of home. A working smoke alarm must be placed, installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

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 7 below on Kinder Connect.

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: 01/10/2026

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 2 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: 01/10/2026

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 9 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: 01/10/2026

Domain: 06 Program Information

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

Code: The program is required to have all required items on trips.

Findings: The following items need to be taken on routine trips and field trips:

1. First aid supplies;
2. JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health information" (except routine walks);
3. A working cellular phone or other means of immediate communication (not to be used while a vehicle is in motion).

During the inspection, it was determined item numbers 1 and 2 was missing. Submit the program's action plan to meet the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections

Code: The program is required to complete and document weekly vehicle inspections.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not [performed/documented] weekly inspections of vehicles used for transporting children. The weekly inspection needs to include the following:

1. A visual inspection of the tires for wear and tire pressure;
2. A visual inspection of headlights, taillights, signals, mirrors, wiper blades, and dash gauges;
3. An inspection for properly functioning child and driver restraints;
4. An inspection for properly functioning doors and windows;
5. An inspection for, and cleaning of, debris from the inside of the vehicle;
6. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program is required to retain and update infant feeding instructions.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review form were not on file, as required by this rule. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records

Code: The provider is required to maintain current employee, child care staff members and resident records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number 2 below:

1. The provider had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.
2. The provider had not created or updated the program's organizational dashboard in the OPR.
3. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created or updated their individual profile in the OPR.
4. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not created an employment record in the OPR for the program on or before the first day of employment, including date of hire.
5. At least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles in the OPR within five calendar days of the change.
6. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's scheduled days and hours changed.
7. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member's group assignments changed, if applicable.
8. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated with the employment end date within five business days when at least one employee, child care staff member, or substitute child care staff member ended employment.
9. At least one resident over the age of eighteen had not created a profile and employment record for the family child care provider within five days of becoming a resident or turning eighteen.
10. The program's organizational dashboard in the OPR was not updated within five calendar days of a change in residency for at least one resident over the age of eighteen.
11. Other: []

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/10/2026

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 numbers 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, and 13 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: 01/10/2026

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |

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| 5180:2-13-02 License Visible | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-13-02 Change of Location | 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 |
| 5180:2-13-03 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 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 Provider Responsibilities | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |

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| 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 | |
| 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 Health Training | 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 Indoor Space | 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 | |

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| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 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 |
| 5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 | 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 |
| 5180:2-13-19 Supervision | Compliant | |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-23 Diapering | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements | Compliant | |