

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 Kids Town Child Development Center	Program Number 2230028439	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3698 Center Rd Brunswick OH 44212		County MEDINA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) DIANE TRACZYK	Inspection Day 12/23/2024	Begin Time 8:30 AM	End Time 12:00 PM
Summary of Findings			
No. Rules Verified 9	No. Rules with Non-compliances 5	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2
		No. Low Risk 3	

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment
Train (18-28mos)	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 4	
Zoo (Infant Homepage)	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	
Airport (12-24 mos Homepage)	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 4	
Dock (4-5 Homepage)	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 8	
Beach (2 1/2-4 Homepage)	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 7	

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: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio

Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Allegation: Complainant alleged that the program is out of compliance with required staff/child ratios.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, a ratio of 2 child care staff members for 18 and 19 children was determined to have occurred for the Beach group when the situation in number 15 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: Group was scheduled to have all of those children in attendance.

Additional child care staff members must be hired or current child care staff members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. Reduce the number of scheduled children and provide staff training regarding the staff/child ratio requirements. 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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/05/2025

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision

Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately including responding to the child's basic needs and protecting them from harm.

Allegation: Complainant alleged that staff are not actively supervising resulting in injuries.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not being properly supervised as noted in number 5 below:

1. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during indoor play.
2. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member during outdoor play.
3. Child(ren) were not within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member more than once.
4. Staff were not physically present in the space and near enough to respond and reach the child(ren) immediately.
5. Other: Staff did not actively supervise the group or intervene when children needed assistance.

Children must be supervised according to rule and within both sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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: Low

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/09/2025

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: 5101:2-12-19 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.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used the inappropriate techniques in numbers 7 & 10 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/to 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/05/2025

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Group Size

Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate group size for each group of children served.

Findings: During the inspection, group size limitations were not maintained for the Beach group as it was determined there were 18 and 19 children grouped together. The group size shall not exceed twice the maximum number of children allowed per Child Care Staff Member which is a total of 16 for this age group. Reduce the number of children scheduled. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/05/2025

Domain:02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Code: The program is required to use equipment, that is safe and hazard free, according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Fans, air conditioners, heat pumps, and space heaters must be inaccessible to children. The program is required to refrain from using trampolines, ball pits and inflatable equipment intended for climbing and bouncing, including but not limited to slides and bounce houses.

Findings: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number 3 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [] were not followed in that [].
2. The straps were missing on the [].
3. The straps were attached, but were not used on the highchairs in the Airport classroom.
4. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
5. The equipment had sharp points or corners.
6. The equipment had splinters.
7. The equipment had protruding nails.
8. The equipment had loose or rusty parts.
9. The equipment had paint which contains lead or other poisonous materials.
10. The equipment had hazardous features.
11. A fan was unstable and could easily tip over.
12. A fan had openings a finger could enter.
13. The pipes from the heat pump felt hot to the touch
14. A space heater felt hot to the touch
15. The position of a space heater was a tripping hazard
16. The air conditioning unit was not enclosed and was accessible to children on the playground.
17. A ball pit, trampoline, inflatable bounce house, inflatable slide, or inflatable equipment used for climbing and bouncing was used.
18. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/05/2025