

## Center 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                                    |                                      |                                   |                         |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Name<br>First Friends Daycare              | Program Number<br>2230028699         | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |                         |
| Address<br>1418 Moler Road Columbus<br>OH<br>43207 |                                      |                                   | County<br>FRANKLIN      |
| Building Approval Date<br>08/22/2023               | Use Group/Code                       | Occupancy Limit<br>65             | Maximum Under 2 ½<br>37 |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date<br>08/24/2023        | Food Service Risk Level<br>Level III |                                   |                         |

| Inspection Information        |                          |                                  |
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| Inspection Type<br>Follow-up  | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>05/13/2025 | Begin Time<br>9:00 AM    | End Time<br>11:30 AM             |
| Reviewer:<br>ANNE BLANKESTYN  |                          |                                  |

| Summary of Findings      |                                     |                       |                        |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| No. Rules Verified<br>34 | No. Rules with Non-compliances<br>8 | No. Serious Risk<br>0 | No. Moderate Risk<br>2 | No. Low Risk<br>6 |

| License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection |                  |            |           |       |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Age Group   | License Capacity | Enrollment |           |       |
|   | Totals           | Full Time  | Part Time | Total |
| Infant ( Birth to < 18 m)                                 |                  | 3          | 0         | 3     |
| Young Toddler   |                  | 3          | 0         | 3     |
| <b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>                              | 28               | 6          | 0         | 6     |
| Older Toddler   |                  | 5          | 0         | 5     |
| Preschool   |                  | 11         | 0         | 11    |
| School Age  |                  | 13         | 0         | 13    |
| <b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>                          | 65               | 29         | 0         | 35    |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection |                 |                |         |
|--|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Group  | Age Group/Range | Ratio Observed | Comment |

|           |                          |        |                                     |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Infant    | 0 to < 12 months         | 2 to 5 |                                     |
| Infant    | 0 to < 12 months         | 1 to 5 | all children in attendance combined |
| Toddler   | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 6 |                                     |
| Toddler   | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 6 |                                     |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years     | 1 to 9 |                                     |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years     | 1 to 9 |                                     |

### 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

#### Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored on a shelf in the Preschool classroom where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 9 below.

1. Bleach.
2. Cleaning agent.
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.
5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.

7. Flammable substance.
8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans. (Lysol)
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [ ].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 1 and 2 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.
2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.
3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.
4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

### Low Risk Non-Compliances

**Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 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.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not being properly supervised as noted in number(s) 4 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: [ ].

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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

**Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Code: The program is required to be kept clean to prevent an infestation of insects or rodents.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program was not kept clean to prevent an infestation by insects (ants). Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

**Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones



**Code:** The program is required to provide fall zones around equipment to prevent injury if a child were to fall.

**Finding:** During the inspection, it was determined the fall zone under and around equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 6 below:

1. The fall surface material had not been properly distributed or raked as needed to retain proper depth under and around equipment.
2. A fall zone hazard was present, in that, the [ ] posed a risk of injury if a child were to fall from a piece of equipment.
3. The fall zone was less than 3 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
4. The fall zone was less than 6 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
5. There was not a fall zone of 3 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
6. There was not a fall zone of 6 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
7. The fall zone was less than 4 1/2 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.
8. The fall zone was less than 9 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.
9. Other [ ].

The program is required to provide adequate fall zones under and around outdoor play equipment at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

#### **Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

**Rule:** 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements

**Code:** The program is required to provide food that does not pose as a choking hazard and is appropriate for the age of the children.

**Finding:** During the inspection, it was determined that the toddler and preschool groups were served whole grapes, which posed a choking hazard. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number(s) 1 and 5 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training as noted in number(s) 4 below:

1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. The CPR training was expired.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the child care staff member(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/12/2025

### Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|--|--------------|---|
| 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan                       | Compliant    |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-02 License Posted                              | Not Verified |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection              | Not Verified |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information                         | Not Verified |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements                     | Not Verified |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection                             | Compliant    |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements                   | Not Verified |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications                | Compliant    |   |
| Rule   | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant    |   |

| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|--------------|---|
| 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures          | Compliant    |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement                                | Compliant    |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant    |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant    |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements            | Compliant    |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements                        | Not Verified |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years         | Not Verified |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements                       | Not Verified |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment                           | Not Verified |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment                                   | Not Verified |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements                         | Compliant    |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment                           | Not Verified |   |
| Rule  | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |



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| 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records        | Compliant     |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans                 | Compliant     |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Compliant     |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills                            | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting                   | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions              | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease          | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment                     | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity                            | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-18 Ratio                                       | Compliant     |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule                              | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play                          | Not Verified  |  |
| <b>Rule</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-18 Group Size                                  | Compliant     |  |

| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records            | Compliant    |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping              | Not Verified |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance                | Not Verified |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements       | Not Verified |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs                         | Not Verified |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage    | Not Verified |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care             | Compliant    |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant    |   |
| Rule                                       | Status       | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration     | Compliant    |   |