Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full 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 Thorn's Childcare	Program Number 2240031050	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 336 Hill Avenue Steubenville OH 43952		County JEFFERSON

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Compliance	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Announced
Inspection Date 11/05/2026	Begin Time 9:50 AM	End Time 12:28 PM	Reviewer: Kristal Singleton

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 79	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 12		No. Requirements Compliant 66
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 11	No. Technical Assistance Provided 3

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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		1	0	1
Total Under 2 ½ Years		1	0	1
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		1	0	1
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	6	1	0	2

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Thorn's Daycare	Mixed Age Group	1 to 0	In Compliance	

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, 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.

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 a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide equipment that has openings less than 3 1/2 inches and no more than 9 inches to avoid the risk of entrapment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that equipment in the outdoor play space posed an imminent risk of harm to a child.

The following was observed: the “S” hooks on the swing(s) were not closed in order to prevent the chain from slipping off the hook and prevent strangulation..

Discontinue the use of this equipment until it has been removed, repaired or replaced. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-13-02 Information in Ohio statewide licensing system

Requirement: The rule requires the program to keep their information current in the Ohio statewide licensing system.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that information was not up to date in the Ohio statewide licensing system.

The following information was not current: services offered.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to store alcohol so it is not accessible to children.

Finding: During the inspection, alcohol was determined to be in a space that was accessible to children during hours of operation but no children were present. These items must be removed or stored in space not approved or used for children as required. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to verify compliance with this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide an environment that protects the children in care from any items and conditions that may threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being.

The following was observed: stacked chairs, organizational plastic boxes stacked high above storage cubes.

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: 12/06/2026

Domain: **03 Postings & Equipment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan

Requirement: The program is required to post the fire and weather alert plan with a diagram.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the posted weather and fire alert plan did not meet the requirements in rule.

The following was observed: weather alert plan was missing a diagram indicating evacuation routes.; the weather and fire alert plan were not posted in each space used by the children..

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space

Requirement: The program staff is required to protect the children from hazardous conditions in the outdoor play area.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that hazardous conditions existed in the outdoor play area.

The following was observed: tripping hazard front entrance area.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone

Requirement: The program is required to place equipment over the proper surfaces.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements as it was place over or next to hard surfaces.

The following was observed: swing set manufacture guidance needed for fall zone depth.

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: 12/06/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment

Requirement: 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.

Finding: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair.

The following was observed: wood furniture no longer used stored in outdoor play area.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended.

The following was observed: the manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the swing set chains were modified with hiking clips.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **06 Program Information**

Rule: 5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections

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

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had not performed weekly inspections of vehicles used for transporting children.

The following was observed as missing: cleaning of depris from vehicle's interior.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-10 Professional Development

Requirement: The program is required to ensure child care staff, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, complete at least six clock hours of training annually.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member did not meet the annual professional development requirement.

The following was observed: Provider did not meet the annual professional development requirement.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-10 Health Training

Requirement: The program is required to meet the health training requirements.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined the provider did not have current valid documentation for training(s).

The following was observed: child abuse training was expired.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide equipment and materials that may easily be cleaned.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program had equipment or materials or furnishings with material ripped, torn, or not easy to clean as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-13-17 Programming

Requirement: The program is required to have a daily schedule posted in a visible place.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not have all daily schedules posted as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Child Enrollment Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care" or equivalent on file on the premises for each child.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the child's enrollment form was not complete or updated annually as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
5180:2-13-07 Provider Immunization	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-05 Denial, Revocation, and Suspension	Not Applicable	

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
5180:2-13-07 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	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
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	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
5180:2-13-13 Handwashing	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 Smoke Free	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 Driver Requirements	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 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	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
5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	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 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 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
5180:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Cots & Napping - Practices	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 Evening and Overnight Care	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 Fluid Milk	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	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 and Toilet Training - Practices	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
5180:2-13-25 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure - No Notification	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Cots & Napping - Equipment & Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib & Playpen - Placement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	

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