



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 First Steps Early Learning Center	Program Number 2250032222	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 8553 Herrick Drive Chesterland OH 44026		County GEAUGA	
Inspection Information			
Building Approval Date 06/11/2025	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 100	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 06/05/2025	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/22/2026	Begin Time 11:10 AM	End Time 1:50 PM
Reviewer: Kathryn Noftz		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 1	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 0	No. Low Risk 1

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)		5	0	5
Young Toddler		8	2	10
Total Under 2 ½ Years	90	13	2	15
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		5	0	5
School Age		0	8	8
Total Capacity/Enrollment	90	5	8	28

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

Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	1142am
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	1117am
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	130pm
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	1117am
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 5	1142am
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	130pm
Preschool/Schoolage	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	1142am- Preschool and School age combined
Preschool/Schoolage	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	1156am- Preschool and School age combined
Preschool/Schoolage	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	130pm- Preschool and School age combined

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: 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) 1 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: 06/21/2026

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 6-5-26.
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: 0037123,3-1-27.
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
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
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play area is separated from traffic and other hazards by a fence.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Compliant	
5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
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
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	