



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://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 Mercy Tots | | Program Number 2250032343 | |
| Address 545 W. Market Street, Suite 100 Lima OH 45801 | | | County ALLEN |
| Building Approval Date | Use Group/Code | Occupancy Limit | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
| Fire Inspection Approval Date | | Food Service Risk Level | |

| Inspection Information | | | | |
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| Inspection Type Pre-license | Inspection Scope Full | Inspection Notice Unannounced | | |
| Inspection Date 08/25/2025 | Begin Time 9:52 AM | End Time 1:00 PM | | |
| Reviewer: SARA DIERKSHEIDE | | | | |
| Summary of Findings | | | | |
| No. Rules Verified 58 | No. Rules with Non-compliances 0 | No. Serious Risk 0 | No. Moderate Risk 0 | No. Low Risk 0 |

| 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) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Young Toddler | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Under 2 ½ Years | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Older Toddler | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Preschool | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School Age | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Capacity/Enrollment | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

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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

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Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

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Low Risk Non-Compliances

No Low Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review. |
| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable 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 8/5/26 |
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All employees had current medical statements on file. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all child care staff members had met orientation training requirements. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had at least one Child Care Staff Member with currently valid training in First Aid, Management of Communicable Disease, CPR, and Child Abuse Prevention present and readily accessible during all hours of operation. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant | |

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| 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 |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All equipment in the outdoor play space was observed to be anchored and stable. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards. |
| 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: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Shade is provided by means of an awning. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was poured surfacing. |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program's plan was to use air conditioning to maintain a comfortable temperature in warm weather. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All electrical outlets were covered with safety receptacles. |



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| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from items and conditions which threaten their health, safety and well-being. |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the cleaning and sanitation of items and toys mouthed by children were discussed. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cots will be cleaned and sanitized weekly. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding handwashing were discussed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: No smoking was allowed on the premises, and the notice stating that smoking is prohibited was observed posted in a conspicuous place. |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding children's medical statements and enrollments forms were discussed. |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding caring for children with a specific health condition were discussed. |

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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Compliant | Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 "Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care" were posted in the program as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding emergency drills were discussed. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a contagious illness by number 1 below: 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door; 5. Other []. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The requirements for completing JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" |

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| | | reports were discussed during the inspection. |
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| 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 |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding staff/child ratios were discussed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program was seeking initial licensure. The program requested to serve a total capacity of 104 children; of this, 52 children may be under two and one-half years of age. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding group size were discussed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding attendance records were discussed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |



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| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding supervision of children were discussed. |
| Rule 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Status Compliant | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping | Status Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding sleeping and napping were discussed. |
| Rule 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Status Compliant | Documenting Statement: All cribs were placed 2 feet apart. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cribs were separated from the play space by a safe and sturdy and physical barrier. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding cribs were discussed. |
| Rule 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care | Status Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, rule requirements pertaining to evening and overnight care were discussed, but not observed. The discussion included the requirements for the program's security plan, the schedule of activities, the sleeping arrangements if applicable, and the other hygiene stipulations outlined in the rule. |
| Rule 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Status Compliant | Documenting Statement: Snacks will be provided at intervals as required by this rule. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |



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| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Sack lunches were stored in refrigerators. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding infant daily care were discussed. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All bottles will be warmed in accordance with the rule in a bottle warmer. |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Bottles and opened food were stored in a refrigerator located in the infant room. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, there was discussion concerning diapering routines. Child-care staff indicated diapers were changed at appropriate intervals throughout the day. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program staff indicated only wading pools and sprinklers were being used. |
| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding administering medication, food supplements and medical foods were discussed. |