

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 Mercy Tots	Program Number 2250032343	Program Type Child Care Center	
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				
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				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant (Birth to < 18 m)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years	52	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	104	0	0	0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
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
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.
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information	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 8/5/26
Rule: 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
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.
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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.
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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	

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
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.

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.
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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.
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Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding emergency drills were discussed.
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Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted.
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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	<p>Documenting Statement: The program staff stated parents were informed when their child had any exposure to a contagious illness by number 1 below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A posted notice; 2. Verbal communication; 3. A written notice sent home; 4. A note posted on the classroom door; 5. Other [].
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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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The requirements for completing JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care"

		reports were discussed during the inspection.
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.
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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.
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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.
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Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding attendance records were discussed.
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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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding sleeping and napping were discussed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs	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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Snacks will be provided at intervals as required by this rule.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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.