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 Happy Learners Childcare	Program Number 2250032793	Program Type FCC - Type B Home
Address 102 Mill Run Drive Youngstown OH 44505		County TRUMBULL

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/07/2026	Begin Time 11:15 AM	End Time 3:00 PM	Reviewer: Jamie Kolacz

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 78	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 7		No. Requirements Compliant 70
No. Serious Risk 1	No. Moderate Risk Findings 3	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 6	No. Technical Assistance Provided 2

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)		1	0	1
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years		1	0	1
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		2	0	2
School Age		2	0	2
Total Capacity/Enrollment	7	4	0	5

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Happy Learners Childcare	Mixed Age Group	1 to 2	In Compliance	Upon arrival at 11:15 AM 1 staff to 2 children 1 under the age of 2. Upon departure at 3:00 PM 1 staff to 1 child 1 under the age of 2

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.

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to allow the Department access to the program.

Finding: During the inspection or complaint investigation, Department staff were denied access by the program, in that on 9/10/26 provider didn't answer the door when children were in care when an attempted inspection was completed. Rule 5180:2-13-03 requires the program to notify parents when a serious risk non-compliance is cited. The notification must inform parents of the serious risk non-compliance and include the Department of Children and Youth website and location of further information regarding the determination. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/13/2026

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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: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to refrain from using and storing potentially hazardous items, toxic substances, and outdoor machinery around children.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored where children present had access. The potentially hazardous substance or item that posed a risk to children was determined to be accessible to children.

The following potentially hazardous substance or item was accessible to children:

- Cleaning agent
- Aerosol cans

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: 11/07/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to protect children from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Finding: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined the program did not protect children from an unsafe item, condition or equipment.

The following was observed: • Immediate access to a knife.

Any hazardous equipment must be removed, replaced, or repaired and any hazardous condition must be corrected and must be made inaccessible to children. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the item or condition has been removed, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed DCY 01236 "health Care Plan Documentation & Permission to Administer Medication" or equivalent form on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the form present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that staff did not have access to the DCY 01236 “Health Care Plan Documentation & Permission to Administer Medication” or equivalent .

The following was observed: • No plan was on file.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to direct handles of pots and pans inward to make inaccessible to children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the handles of the pots or pans on the stove were not directed inward and inaccessible to children in care. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an outdoor play area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or being used inappropriately.

The following was observed: • The fencing was loose.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from trash and foreign objects.

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

The following was observed: • There were tree branches.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks

Requirement: Meals and snacks provided are required to include the required food groups.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a meal or snack at the program did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed: • Snack offered did not include food from two of the five food groups.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to provide mattresses in good condition and sheets that are not too large or too small for cribs and playpens.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that sheets, mattresses and/or mattress covers did not meet the rule requirement.

The following was observed: • At least one crib or playpen did not have a sheet.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Requirement: The program staff is required to have all bottles labeled.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that bottles containing milk for a particular infant were not labeled with the child's name and date of preparation. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

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

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-13-07 Staff Records

Requirement: The provider is required to maintain current employee, child care staff members and resident records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's employment records were missing or incomplete in the OPR 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 License Visible	Compliant	

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 Information in Ohio statewide licensing system	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
5180:2-13-04 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 Safety 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
5180:2-13-04 Heaters in a Type B Home	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-04 Flammable and Combustible Materials in a Type B Home	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
5180:2-13-07 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
5180:2-13-07 Type B Provider - Foster Parent	Compliant	

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Health Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-10 Professional Development	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	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
5180:2-13-12 Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Type B Only	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	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 Records Retention and Confidentiality	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
5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	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 Drills	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 Programming	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
5180:2-13-21 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 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 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 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
5180:2-13-02 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
5180:2-13-20 Crib & Playpen - Placement	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 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	