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 Rooted Early Learning Center	Program Number 2260033722	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 424 W Wyoming Ave Cincinnati OH 45215		County HAMILTON

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/21/2026	Begin Time 10:05 AM	End Time 4:35 PM	Reviewer: ZIBUTE OSGOOD

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 7		No. Requirements Compliant 53
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 7	No. Technical Assistance Provided 5

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)		6	0	6
Young Toddler		8	0	8
Total Under 2 ½ Years	17	14	0	14
Older Toddler		4	0	4
Preschool		10	0	10
School Age		16	0	16
Total Capacity/Enrollment	47	30	0	44

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Younger Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	Observed @ 11:30 a.m.
Younger Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	In Compliance	Observed @ 10:15 a.m.
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	One infant, under 30-months of age, shifted to infant room, observed @ 10:49 a.m.
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	6 weeks to 18 months, observed @ 10:20 a.m.
Older Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	0 to 0		30 months to 38 months, older toddlers combined with preschool group.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 8	In Compliance	Older toddlers, over 30-months of age, combined with 3's & 4's, observed @ 10:05 a.m,
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	In Compliance	Toddlers, over 30-months, 3's, 4's & 1 school age child, observed @ 2:53 p.m.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	In Compliance	Toddlers, over 30-months combined with 3's & 4's, observed @ 11:45 a.m.

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: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment had been used for sleeping infants and did not allow the infant to sleep on a firm mattress.

The following equipment was used: infant seats

Infants must be provided with a crib, which meets requirements specified in this rule, for resting and sleeping. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that staff training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

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, age groups served, attendance options.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule.

The following was observed: Children were not signed in as they entered the group or signed out when leaving.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 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:

- Eleven screws were protruding from the wall in the hallway.

- Plastic diaper storage bags were stored under the changing table in the younger toddler room, within the reach of the children.

- A blue area rug in the infant room was curled upward, providing a tripping hazard.

- Two plastic benches were stored one on top of each other in the preschool room, providing a tipping hazard.

- A crib was blocking an evacuation exit.

- Two sections of the doorframe, entering the preschool rooms, were broken off, leaving sharp edges.

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: 11/26/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to follow the cleaning schedule for equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the environment, furniture, materials, and/or equipment were not kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

The following was observed:

- The hallway walls were dirty.

- The lid to a wastebasket was dirty.

- The portable wooden stairs and stepstools were dirty.

The center shall be cleaned daily. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 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:

- The straps were attached but were not used on the changing pad in the infant room.

- The book holder, in the infant room was not stable.

- The handles on the dramatic play refrigerator were not fully attached.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

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 the outdoor play space was not free of conditions that pose a risk of harm to children.

The following was observed: The tarp under the mulch was protruding, providing a tripping hazard.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: The program is required to label all cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one crib was not labeled with the child's name, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/26/2026

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: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the seven digit emergency number for EMS was not posted in the infant playroom 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: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to have enough equipment for all children in care.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not have an adequate number of materials and/or equipment in each category required in the infant room. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Requirement: The program is required to have quiet areas available.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not have a designated quiet area as required in the younger toddler room. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills

Requirement: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined drills are not conducted or are not correctly documented. A lockdown drill for the third quarter was not documented. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined staff have not completed health and safety training(s) as required. Verification of child abuse recognition was provided during the inspection. 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: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records

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

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the child's enrollment form is 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
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-02 License Visible	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was in a location visible to parents as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: VWAR-DT8KSZ, exp. 03/01/27.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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.

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 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
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
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
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	

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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their hands, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had a complete first aid kit available as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's emergency preparedness and response plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

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: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding posting the current Appendix A "Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and Maximum Group Size".

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, child care staff were observed meeting the basic needs of all children assigned to the group.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals offered at the program included foods from the five food groups in sufficient amounts.

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
5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had immunization records or exemption documentation on file.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the immunization records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All employees had tuberculosis (TB) screenings and immunization records on file.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the infant & toddler room.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage	Compliant	