Department of Education
Department of Job and Family Services

Center Complaint Inspection Summary 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 Small Wonders Discovery & Learning Center	Program Number 000000100190	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 24 WALNUT STREET LEETONIA OH 44431		County COLUMBIANA

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint		Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Reviewer(s) SARAH HEIL-HINTON	Inspection Day 07/24/2024	Begin Time 9:05 AM	End Time 9:45 AM

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified	No. Rules with Non-compliances	No. Serious Risk	No. Moderate Risk	No. Low Risk
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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 12	Sleeping/Playtime
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	Free Play
Preschool 1	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	Free Play
Preschool 2 /School Age	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 15	Free Play

Complaint Allegations

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-03 and 5101:2-13-03 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.

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Allegation: Staff are using inappropriate discipline techniques.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that a Child Care Staff Member had used the inappropriate techniques in number(s) 1,8 below when managing unacceptable behavior in children in that a staff member grabbed a child by his chin/neck area and yelled at the child in front of other children:

1. Utilize cruel, harsh, unusual, or extreme techniques;
2. Utilize any form of corporal punishment;
3. Delegate children to manage or discipline other children;
4. Use physical restraints on a child;
5. Restrain a child by prone restraint or any means other than holding children for a short period of time, such as in a protective hug, so that the children may regain control;
6. Place children in a locked room or confine children in any enclosed area;
7. Confine children to equipment such as cribs or highchairs;
8. Humiliate, threaten or frighten children;
9. Subject children to profane language or verbal abuse;
10. Make derogatory or sarcastic remarks about children or their families;
11. Punish children for failure to eat or sleep or for toileting accidents;
12. Withhold any food (including snacks and treats), rest or toilet use;
13. Punish an entire group of children due to the unacceptable behavior of one or a few;
14. Isolate and restrict children from all activities for an extended period of time.

Child Care Staff Members and other employees must always use appropriate guidance and management methods with children. 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.

Risk Level: Moderate

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/13/2024

Summary of Additional Non-Compliances

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Additional Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements
Code: The program is required to have documentation from ODJFS, indicating the individual is eligible to be employed in child care, on file before allowing the staff to have sole responsibility of children.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that child care staff member(s) had sole responsibility of children in the toddler group(s) and neither a preliminary approval nor the JFS 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" were on file as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176 or a statement that the child care staff member(s) no longer have sole responsibility of children, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/13/2024

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain:01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served with child care staff members who meet the requirements.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were being supervised by an individual who did not meet the requirements of a child care staff member or was not at least two years older than the child(ren) in that a staff member left her group of children and the support staff member not used in ratio was left with the children. . Additional child care staff members must be hired or current child care staff members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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: 09/13/2024