Ohio Department of Children & Youth

Complaint Inspection Summary 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 Little Sprouts Child Development Center	Program Number 000000102636	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 310 Lincoln Way East Massillon OH 44646		County STARK

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 06/10/2026	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 1:00 PM	Reviewer: BETH RAGLE
Inspection Date 07/31/2026	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 10:40 AM	Reviewer: BETH RAGLE

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 3	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 2		No. Requirements Compliant 1
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 1	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants and Toddlers Combined - Day 1	0 to < 12 months	2 to 9		10:00 a.m. - Play
Preschool and School Age Combined - Day 1	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 21		10:00 a.m. - Play
Infants and Toddlers Combined - Day 2	0 to < 12 months	2 to 12		9:00 a.m. - Play
PreK - Day 2	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9		9:00 a.m. - Play

School Age - Day 2	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 17		9:00 a.m. - Transition

Complaint Allegations

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.

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Code:

Allegation: An administrator used prohibited discipline techniques.

Determination: Unable to be determined

Findings: Based upon the investigation, the alleged rule violation was unable to be determined due to the available evidence. During the investigation, the administrators and child care staff members were interviewed by The Ohio Department of Children and Youth staff, Stark County Job and Family Services staff, and a police officer. The information obtained during the interviews did not confirm a rule violation. Video from the date of the incident was unavailable for review.

Risk Level:

Summary of Non-Compliances

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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 an increased risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**
Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance
Requirement: 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.
Finding: The specific allegations made in the complaint regarding an individual could not be determined. However, during the course of the investigation, it was identified that another child care staff member had utilized a prohibited technique to control or discipline children.

The investigation confirmed the following prohibited technique:
• Utilize any form of corporal punishment. It was determined that a child care staff member spanked their own child while working at the program.

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.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/08/2026

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.
Domain: **05 Health & Safety**
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting
Requirement: The program is required to complete the DCY 01299 "Incident/Injury Report" for injuries and incidents at the program, provide a copy to the person who picks the child up on the day of the incident, and retain a copy of the form onsite at the program for one year.

Finding: In review of the records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for completing a DCY 01299 “Incident/Injury Report”.

The following was observed:
• The DCY 01299 was not kept on file at the program for at least one year. Requested incident reports could not be located during the onsite inspection dates.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/08/2026