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# 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 | | |
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| Program Name<br>THE LITTLE TREE HOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE | Program Number<br>000000200794 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>1525 LINN STREET CINCINNATI<br>OH<br>45214 | | County<br>HAMILTON |

| Building Approval Date | Use Group/Code | Occupancy Limit | Maximum Under 2 ½ |
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| Fire Inspection Approval Date<br>04/05/2024 | Food Service Risk Level<br>Level II | | |

| Inspection Information | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Annual | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>02/05/2025 | Begin Time<br>9:00 AM | End Time<br>10:15 AM |
| Reviewer:<br>Kristin Blassingame | | |

| Summary of Findings | | | | |
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| No. Rules Verified | No. Rules with Non-compliances | No. Serious Risk | No. Moderate Risk | No. Low Risk |
| 58 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 6 |

| 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) | | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Young Toddler | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 2 ½ Years** | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Older Toddler | | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Preschool | | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| School Age | | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| **Total Capacity/Enrollment** | 43 | 21 | 0 | 25 |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | |
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| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Comment** |

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| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 15 | The infant, toddler, and preschool groups were combined at the time ratio was taken. |
| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 13 | The infant, toddler, and preschool groups were combined at the time ratio was taken. |
| School Age | School-Age to < 11 years | 0 to 0 | There were no school aged children in attendance at the time ratio was taken. |

## 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 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.*

### Serious Risk Non-Compliances

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

### Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

**Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio
Code: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

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Finding: During the inspection, required staff/child ratios were not maintained for the same group on multiple occasions, as noted below:

The ratio determined for the infant/toddler/ps groups was 2 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 13 children. Additionally, a ratio of 2 Child Care Staff Member(s) for 15 children was determined for the same group.

Additional 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: 03/07/2025

**Low Risk Non-Compliances**

**Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records
Code: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the center for a period of one year.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record as listed in number 7 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.
2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.
3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.
4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.
5. The record did not include the assigned group.
6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.
7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.
8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/07/2025

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**Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size
Code: The program may combine all age groups when there are twelve or fewer children in the center.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined groups which included children less than two and one half years were combined with groups of children two and one half years and older and there were more than 12 children in the center. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

**Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions
Code: The program is required to have a first aid kit onsite.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined first aid kit(s) at the program had missing, or expired, items that are required by appendix A of this rule to be contained in a first aid kit, as noted in number 3 below:

1. The program did not have a first aid kit [onsite, on the vehicle, on a field trip].
2. One roll of hypoallergenic first-aid tape.
3. Individually wrapped sterile gauze squares in assorted sizes.
4. Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes.
5. Tweezers.
6. Gauze rolled bandage.
7. Triangular bandage.
8. Rounded end scissors.
9. Tooth preservation system or fresh chilled liquid milk in which to transport a lost permanent tooth, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where milk is stored if a tooth preservation system is not part of the first aid kit (for programs serving school age children only).
10. A working digital thermometer.
11. Disposable non-latex gloves.
12. A working flashlight.
13. An instant cold pack that has not been activated or ice, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where the ice is stored if an instant cold pack is not part of the first aid kit.
14. Sealable leak-proof plastic bags in assorted sizes or double bagged plastic bags that can be securely tied for materials soiled with blood or bodily fluids.
15. Pocket mask or face shield, appropriate for all ages of children in care, for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administration.
16. Soap or waterless sanitizer (field trip or transporting away from the program only).
17. Bottled water (field trip or transporting away from the program only).

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to provide a safe and sufficient barrier to separate the play and sleeping space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the barrier between the play and sleeping space did not meet the requirements as noted in number 1 below:

1. No barrier had been provided
2. The barrier did not prevent the infants from entering the sleeping area.
3. The barrier was not safe.
4. The barrier was not sturdy.
5. The barrier impaired staff's ability to see and hear all sleeping infants in their cribs.
6. The barrier was inadequate.
7. Other [ ].

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cribs
Code: The program is required to provide enough cribs for all infants in attendance who require a crib.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had 1 of crib and needed 2. A crib must be provided for all infants in attendance, unless the infant meets the criteria for sleeping on a cot or mat. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

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**Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan
Code: The program is required to train child care staff members and employees on the written disaster plan annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually as noted in number 2 below:

1. Child care staff members and employees were not trained annually.
2. Written documentation of the training was not kept 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: 03/07/2025

## Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-02 License Posted | Compliant | |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | |

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| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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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 |
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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. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 |
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| 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. |

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| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 1/ 2025. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant | |

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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. |

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| 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A notice was observed posted stating that smoking is prohibited at the program. |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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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. |

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| 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment | Compliant | |

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

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | |

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

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding infant bottle and food preparation were discussed. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training | Compliant | Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding diapering and toilet training were discussed. |

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